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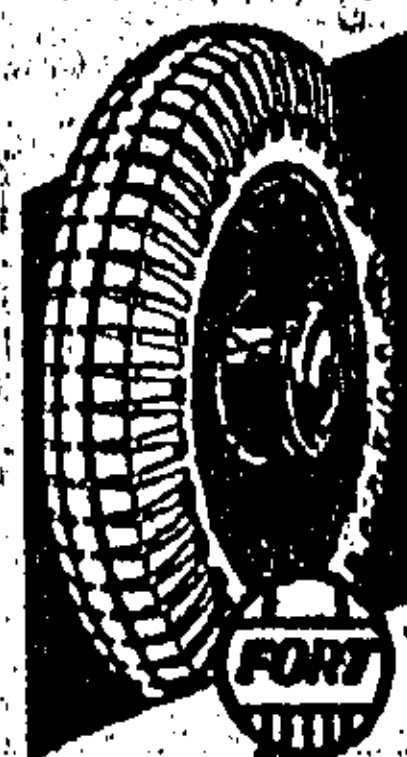
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CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S RESIGNATION

FULL TEXT OF PETITION TO C. E. COMMITTEE

NATIONAL UNITY AT ANY PRICE

"I WILL STILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE COUNTRY IN MY PRIVATE CAPACITY."

Nanking, Dec. 16.

The following is a translation of the circular telegram issued by General Chiang Kai-shek announcing his resignation as President of the National Government and concurrently President of the Executive Yuan:—

"I have submitted to-day the following petition to the Central Executive Committee:—

TEXT OF PETITION

Since my appointment, in the 17th Year (1928), as President of the National Government, I have, for over three years, unceasingly exerted my utmost for the realization of the bequeathed teachings of the late Party Leader in the hope that I may not betray the trust imposed upon me by the Party and the State. Incompetent, though well-meaning, I have time and again been frustrated in my efforts.

"Following in the wake of repeated ebullitions of domestic calamities and troubles, the aggressions from our powerful enemy have become daily more serious. As a result of heart-searching, I have been oppressed, day and night, by mixed feelings of anxiety and self-reproach. Fratricidal strife must end.

"As it would be cowardly to contemplate escape in the moment of danger, so it would not be justifiable for me to shirk responsibility at the present juncture. Moreover, as national unity is essential to resist foreign aggression, fratricidal strife within the country must be ended. It was in realization of this that I carried on my responsibility in the Central Government, while the Central Authorities were making every effort to effect domestic unity. My intention was to accept blame and retire when all comrades came to the Capital in fulfillment of their original undertaking, thereby making unity a reality.

Failure of Canton Comrades. "However, although the 4th National Congress of Party delegates, in the spirit of sacrifice and mutual concession, accepted the formula for unity in its entirety, Canton comrades have failed to redeem their promise to unite together in coping with the national crisis. On the contrary, Comrade Hu Han-min and others, in a circular telegram issued on the 6th inst., declared that they would not proceed to the Capital to attend (the 1st plenary session of the new C.E.C.) until I retired and divested myself of my military power.

Must Resign First. "It is thus evident that I must first resign, before peace and national unity can be realised. My original desire to carry on in the face of severe criticism, although prompted by apprehension that grave dangers might attend a sudden interruption in the political administration, might instead prove a hindrance to the realisation of unity be-

tween comrades and the unification of the Party and the State. Moreover, the Government's foreign policy has also been exposed to irresponsible criticisms.

"The situation now obtaining in the country is such that except through the immediate realisation of unity, not only will the hopes of the people be belied, but it will also be impossible to cope successfully with the foreign aggression. After having weighed the matter carefully, I was convinced that further delay was unjustifiable.

Ensure National Unity. "After careful consideration, I have therefore to petition the Central Party Authorities to grant my resignation from the Presidency of the National Government, and other concurrent posts as well as to appoint more competent men to take over these posts, so that national unity may be realised and the present emergency lifted over. Having pledged myself to the cause of the National revolution, I have always endeavoured to base my personal movements upon the interests of the Party and the State. Even after my resignation, I will still continue to exert my utmost, in my capacity as a loyal member of the Party, for the solution of the national crisis in order that I may live up to the instructions of our late Party Leader. I hereby humbly urge that my petition be granted: Respectfully submitted to the Central Executive Committee."

Continue to Serve Country. "Having received orders from the Party and the State, I should have stood by my responsibility, in the present national crisis, even if such a step involved life and death. But in order to triumph in our foreign relations, it is essential that there be unity in the country. The first plenary session of the C.E.C. has not yet been held and many weighty issues of the State still remain to be decided upon. After having weighed the matter carefully, I have therefore submitted my resignation from all substantive and concurrent posts in order to leave the way open for more competent men, so that Party and national unity may be attained and my desire for national salvation realised. Hereafter, I will still continue to serve the country in my private capacity. May all take note of this!—(Signed) Chiang Chung-cheng (Kai-shek)."

the general discussion will be completed to-morrow, after which a draft report, embodying the whole of the discussions, will be prepared for the delegates who, on reassembling on January 4, will discuss it at a plenary session. The Conference will, probably, end a few days later.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL JUNK PIRATED.

Boarded by Armed Men
HAKKAS?

Another junk piracy has been reported to the Police. Chan Leung, (36), joint master of Class IV., boat No. 5079, of 87 Piculs capacity, reports that he left Shaikwan yesterday morning bound for San Mei. When beyond Fu Tau Mun, six men, armed with choppers, came alongside in a sampan, boarded the junk, tied up three members of the crew, put them in a hold, and sailed the captive boat to Tai Chu Wan in the Sai Kung district, where they arrived in the afternoon. From the junk the pirates took 18 sacks of sugar (\$241), six bundles of medicine roots (\$100), and personal clothing to the value of \$20. The boat was released four hours later, and arrived at Sham Shui Po last night. No one was kidnapped and no one hurt. The pirates spoke Hakka.

"JAPAN'S 'XMAS WAR.'"

News Chronicle Reads Homily. TO NIPPON.

London, Yesterday. The sword will have decided before ever the pen is even dipped in ink, says the News Chronicle in a leader headed "Japan's Christmas War," in commenting on the probable facts likely to be faced by the League's Commission of Inquiry. The paper goes on to draw a parallel between the Japanese offensive against "bandits" with the occupation of Korea, and expresses the opinion that it is as obvious as it is ominous. After commenting that nothing, at present, is more unlikely than a Chinese offensive, the newspaper adds, that no intelligent Japanese can read Dr. Wellington Koo's appeals to America without realising the effect they are bound to produce on a public never too well disposed to Japan. Defiance of world opinion rarely paid in the long run, the paper says, and concludes by saying it is sorry to console for a crime which struck so disastrous a blow at hope for a surer and more peaceful world.—Reuter.

STEAMER'S DELAY.

We are advised by the N.Y.K. that the m.v. Terukuni Maru from London via ports, which was expected to arrive here late this afternoon, has been delayed a few hours and, according to a wireless message from the Captain, she will arrive at 9 o'clock to-night, and be alongside Kowloon Wharf between 9 and 9.30 p.m.

MARINERS WARNED.

On or about January 6 and without further notice, a small unclassified red flashing light, to be known as Tungkou Creek Light, will be exhibited from a 20 feet steel trellis tower erected on a concrete dolphin at the southern side of the entrance to the Tungkou Creek, in the lower section of the Shanghai Harbour. The light will be red, unclassified, showing a flash of 0.8 second duration every 3 seconds, thus:—Light 0.8 second Eclipse 2.2 seconds Charts affected: Chinese Admiralty Charts Nos. 505, 508 and 1011.

'PLANE WRECKED

"SOUTHERN STAR" DAMAGED. NO-ONE INJURED CRASH INTO TREES.

London, Yesterday. Air Commander Kingsford Smith's monoplane Southern Star, which brought the Christmas mails to England and was to have left for Australia to-morrow with New Year mails, crashed into trees when a forced landing became necessary when en route from Hamble to Croydon. Kingsford Smith was not in the plane at the time of the disaster. The pilot and two passengers were uninjured. The propeller and undercarriage are badly damaged.—Reuter.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: The anticyclone is nearly stationary to the N.W. of Korea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy. Rainfall. Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Total since January 1—79.98 inches against an average of 82.73 inches—deficit 2.80 inches.

Temperature. The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 4 o'clock was:—Hong Kong 61 Macao 59 Pratas Island 70 Manila 70 Foochow 58 Amoy 58 Chefoo 32 Shanghai 43

MISS ENGLAND III. Lord Wakefield's New Motor-Boat.

READY IN APRIL

Rugby, Yesterday. It is announced that Miss England III., the racing motorboat, which Lord Wakefield is having built with a view to an attack on the world's water speed record, will be constructed in the Thameside Yards of Thornycroft. Models for the hull are under test. Like Miss England II. the boat will be equipped with two of the latest Rolls-Royce Aero engines. She is to be completed before the end of April.

According to present plans, Kaye Don will take her to Lake Garda for her trials, which may be followed by an attempt on the record which he set up in Miss England II.—British Wireless Service.

BORSIG BERLIN WORKS.

Berlin, Yesterday. Two thousand eighty hundred and fifty men were dismissed owing to the closing down of the Borsig Berlin works to-day. The management says that the workshops will reopen in the middle of January.—Reuter.

You are busy. Yet you want to be informed of the news of the day. Then, turn to the back page and glean the news. It's there conveniently summarised for you.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

Record Attendance Expected. TRAVEL FACILITIES.

Rugby, Yesterday. The British Industries Fair, next February, promises to be the most successful ever held. The indications are that a record number of buyers are coming from all over the world, and that last year's attendance of nearly 7,000,000 will be largely exceeded.

In addition to the heavy industries section at Birmingham and the main London section at Olympia, where exhibits of British goods in the greatest variety will occupy 300,000 square feet, an important feature this year will be a special textile section at White City, where the original allocation of space has had to be increased in the last few weeks to meet demands from all sections of the textile industries.

Many travel concessions to buyers attending the Fair have already been announced. The Foreign Office will grant free visas valid for three months. The British railways are issuing special return tickets at a fare and one-third from Continental ports, and, among foreign systems offering special terms to buyers on their way to the Fair, are the German State Railways, the Turkish Railway, and Swedish and Finnish shipping companies.—British Wireless Service.

BAVARIAN CROWN JEWELS.

\$5,600 for Famous Blue Diamond. CHRISTIE'S SALE.

Rugby, Yesterday. Special interest was evinced at Christie's to-day in a sale which included the Crown Jewels of Bavaria sent to England three weeks ago.

The Famous Blue Diamond, which became the property of the Royal House of Wittelsbach in 1722, was sold for \$5,600. A brilliant pendant realised \$4,000, and a brilliant tiara, designed to the orders of Ludwig the First fetched \$7,000.

Following the sale of the Crown Jewels for a total of over \$39,000, a necklace of 67 pearls fetched \$10,500, and another pearl necklace was sold at \$3,000.—British Wireless Service.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON LITTLE GIRL.

The case, in which a Chinese, Sit Shek, stands charged with an indecent assault on a little child, was resumed at the Criminal Sessions, this morning.

Chan Wai-wing, Sergeant-Interpreter attached to the Water Police Station, was subjected to a severe and long cross-examination by counsel for the defence in regard to a statement said to have been made by accused, signed by accused, and translated by witness to the accused.

YOUNG PLAN COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Rugby, Yesterday. According to a Press telegram from Basle, when the Committee under the Young Plan met to-day a proposal to adjourn till December 28 was defeated. The plenary meeting will be held at noon to-morrow and it is hoped that the Committee's report will be ready for signature by Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.—British Wireless Service.

MANCHURIA INQUIRY COMMISSION

TENTATIVE LIST OF THE PERSONNEL

LORD LYTTON PRESIDENT

Paris, Yesterday.

A telegram from Geneva states that the Manchurian Commission of Enquiry will comprise:—

Lord Lytton—President.
General Claudel.
Dr. Schnee (ex-Governor of German East Africa).
Count Aldo Brandini (ex-Italian Ambassador in Berlin).
Mr. Hines (Director of American Railways in France in war time).

The Commission will, probably, leave for the East at the end of January.

Reuter learns that the Geneva forecast of the Manchurian Commission of Enquiry must still be regarded as premature, because, while a number of the persons mentioned therein have been approached, they have not yet assented; consequently no names have yet been submitted to the Chinese and Japanese Governments, whose concurrence is to be sought before the Commission is regularly constituted. In any case it is not very likely that the Commission will depart before the end of January.

Mr. Hines is regarded as the most probable candidate of the lot mentioned. He was League Arbitrator under the Peace Treaties on questions of river shipping, and later investigated the navigation of the Rhine and Danube on behalf of the League.

Mr. Yoshida, Japanese Ambassador to Turkey, is expected to visit Paris to take cognisance of certain questions before proceeding to Tokyo as Japanese Coadjutor to the Commission.—Reuter.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Well Enough to Leave Hospital.

New York, Yesterday. Mr. Winston Churchill is leaving hospital to-day.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday. A New York message states that Mr. Winston Churchill left hospital this afternoon and motored to his hotel, where he will rest for several days.—British Wireless Service.

Lorry-Driver Has Tea With Mrs. Winston.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

New York, Yesterday. This afternoon a small, shy, flustered Italian, Mario Contasino, unemployed taxi-driver, was welcomed into the luxurious hotel for he had come to drink tea with Mrs. Winston Churchill.

Mario was the driver of the lorry (temporary job) which struck Mr. Churchill. Mario has been so constant in his enquiries concerning the distinguished patient, that Mrs. Winston Churchill learning he was unemployed, offered him a substantial cheque, which Mario refused, but gratefully accepted an invitation to tea.

GANDHI'S VEGETARIAN DIET.

Not More Than Five Ingredients In Day's Food.

"Vegetarianism must have a moral basis," declared Mr. Gandhi in an address before a meeting of the London Vegetarian Society at Chelsea, where Mr. Gandhi met Mr. Henry Salt, whose book on vegetarianism finally led him to give up meat-eating. Mr. Gandhi declared that vegetarianism did not benefit health. Vegetarians suffered from every disease as much as meat-eaters. He added that in Britain he had not broken his rule not to take more than five ingredients in his day's food. A large crowd cheered Mr. Gandhi on his departure.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

American Delegation's Expenses.

Washington, Yesterday. President Hoover has asked Congress for an initial appropriation of \$450,000 towards the expenses of the American Delegation to the Disarmament Conference.—Reuter.

CHESTERFIELD HOUSE FOR AUCTION.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday. Pressure of taxation has caused Princess Mary and Earl Harewood to sell their famous Mayfair residence, Chesterfield House. The family has now moved to its Yorkshire countryseat. Chesterfield House will shortly come under the auctioneer's hammer.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BONDS RISE.

Rugby, Yesterday. On London Stock Exchange to-day, Australian Government Bonds advanced from one to two points all round following the news of victory in the Commonwealth Election of the United Australian Party and the resignation of the Scullin Administration.—British Wireless Service.

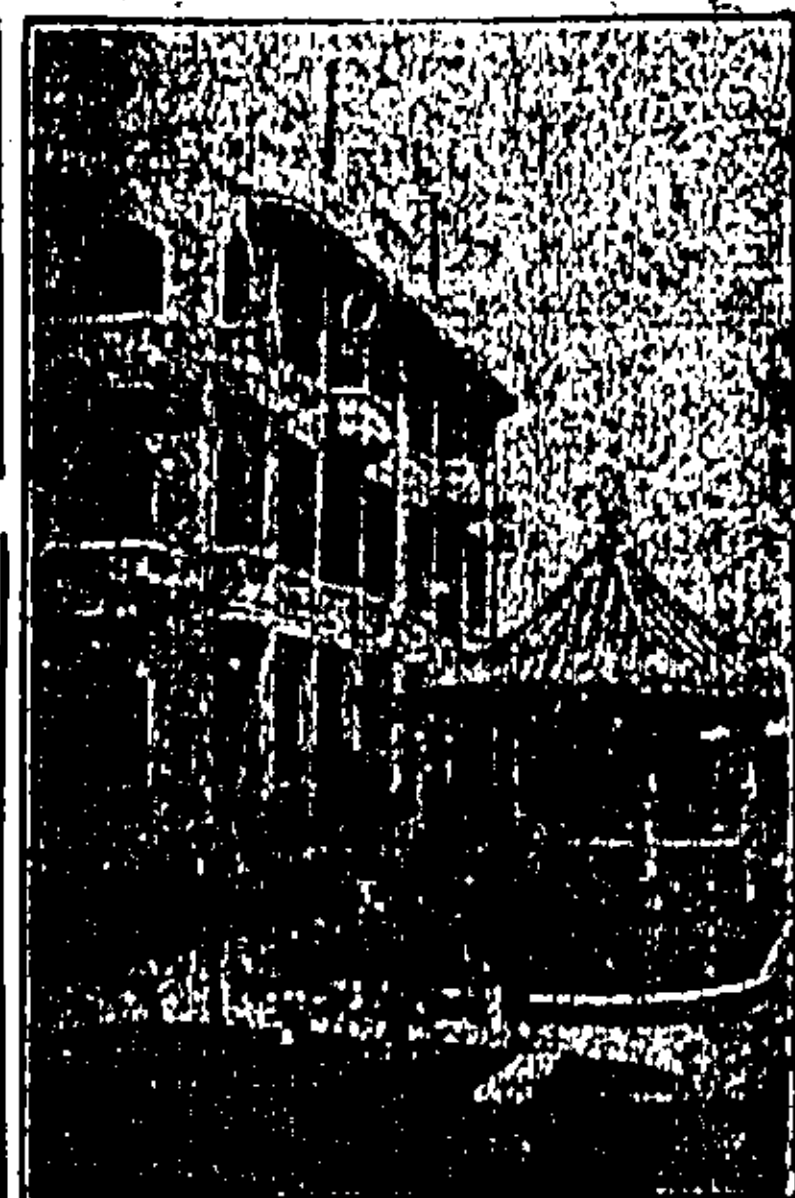
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FRENCH BAN FOREIGN LABOUR.

Paris, Yesterday. The Chamber has drastically banned foreign labour by unanimously passing a Bill under which all foreigners must have special ministerial permits to work in French public works and private undertakings. Employers infringing the new law are liable to fines.—Reuter.

BURMA ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Burma Round Table Conference considered the Governor's powers and questions of finance at to-day's meeting. It is anticipated



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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

Reviews from Official Sources.

"THE GHOST TRAIN."

Quite a sensation was caused in Piccadilly, London, by the extraordinary sounds of trains apparently shrieking, with whistles and grinding brakes, through the Haymarket. People stood amazed. What had happened? Trains came rushing through from all directions. Had a railway station grown in a night in the very heart of the West End? On investigation it was discovered that the secret of this amazing phenomenon rested with the Capitol Theatre. Crowds had gathered in the vicinity, and on entering the vestibule they found a real railway station! It was obvious that these weird, yet realistic, railway sounds announced to all and sundry the arrival of the only train that mattered that week—"The Ghost Train."

The marvellous effect of trains tearing across Piccadilly was obtained by using two seven-foot loud speakers, on the roof of the Capitol, supplied by the Standard Telephone and Cable Company, reproducing a record of special train effects supplied by His Master's Voice. The train effects in the vestibule were being relayed by the British Acoustics on their non-sine apparatus.

"DADDY LONG LEGS."

Surpassing even her memorable triumph in "7th Heaven," Janet Gaynor gives a tender, touching portrayal blended with rare humour in "Daddy Long Legs," Fox romantic comedy, which is now showing at the King's Theatre. Warner, Baxter, also, does the most brilliant work of his career in the leading masculine role of this delightful talkie version of Jean Webster's play, and a distinguished cast gives flawless support.

From all appearances, "Daddy Long Legs" is going to prove one of the biggest hits, if not the biggest, of the entire screen year. Such a combination of super players and an ideal story are all too seldom seen on the silver sheet, and the genuine enthusiasm manifested by last night's audience at the King's is significant of the picture's popularity.

Get out your little red book and be sure to make a special note not to miss "Daddy Long Legs"—for here's a magical human interest picture you'll certainly enjoy seeing.

"AFRICA SPEAKS."

In Africa women are considered as property, and are sold and traded as such. Girls are usually placed on the market when at the marriageable age, which is from twelve to sixteen years. So says Paul L. Hoeffler, noted explorer, who recently made a remarkable trek across the dark continent armed with a motion picture camera and sound equipment.

The results of Hoeffler's efforts are shown in "Africa Speaks," which have its final showings at the Central Theatre to-day.

"THE GIRL HABIT."

Charlie Ruggles, who, in "Charley's Aunt," as both the Charley and the Aunt, became the favourite farceur of film fandom overnight, is now a star in his own right.

Ruggles's fine comedy work in such pictures as "Her Wedding Night," "Honour Among Lovers," "Young Man of Manhattan," "Road-house Nights," and others

finally earned for him the distinction of stardom.

His first starring picture is "The Girl Habit," which comes to the King's Theatre on Thursday. "The Girl Habit" is the product of the very capable type-writers of Owen Davis and Gertrude Purcell, and is based upon a stage success by A. E. Thomas and Clayton Hamilton. It is farce from start to finish and one laugh follows on the giggling trail of another with convulsing rapidity.

"SPORTING BLOOD."

With the racing game as a background, and a vivid drama of love and redemption as its central theme, "Sporting Blood," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's filmisation of the Saturday Evening Post story, "Horseflesh," by Frederick Hazlitt Brennan, will head the Queen's programme to-morrow.

The picture is a panorama of the entire sport of racing, following the fortunes of a racehorse from birth to the Kentucky Derby. But racing, though it is used for thrills, is not the central theme of the story. The human characters who effect the fate of the horse are always the central theme. A gambler's moll and a blackjack dealer battle their way back to honesty in an engrossing plot.

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POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current Week.

INDIAN INSPECTION.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

Chinese Company.

Strength.—Constables R14 Leung Fat, R32 Yeung Pokan and R38 Lai Yau have been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company as from November 10 and 13, and December 7, respectively.

Training Course: Part I.—The following members have been passed out as efficient in Part I. of Training Course:—

Constables R31 Chak Ho-ka, R36 Ho Lu-nam, R41 Yung Shu-chung and R32 Yeung Po-kan.
Training Course: Part II.—All recruits will attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters to-day at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Training Course: Part I.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

N.C.O.'s Class.—There will be no N.C.O.'s Class on Friday.

Indian Company.

Strength.—Constables R270 Abdul Majid and R271 M. Peraz have been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from December 18.

Leave.—Constable R239 K. B. Sheikh has returned from leave.
Constable R262 Shah Mohamed has been granted 10 months' leave of absence from the Colony.

Inspection Parade.—All members are reminded of the inspection parade to be held at Central Police Station to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

Training Course: Part II.—All members who have not passed Part II. of Training Course should attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

Sharpshooters Company.
Strength.—Constable R442 J. D. Bickerstaff has been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooters Company as from December 17.

Notice.—A meeting of N.C.O.'s and Squad leaders will be held at

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.
To-morrow—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

January 6—St. George's Society's Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre:

"Daddy Long Legs."

To-day—Queen's Theatre:

"The Ghost Train."

To-day—Central Theatre:

"Africa Speaks."

To-day—Majestic Theatre:

"Girls Demand Excitement."

To-day—Star Theatre:

"Trespasser."

Home Malls.

To-day—Outward for America and Europe via Siberia (President Wilson), 4.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Suez (Antenor), 10.30 a.m.; via Siberia (Porthos), 2.30 p.m.

Lammetts' Auction.

To-morrow—At Sales Room, a collection of Curios, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 12-14—Royal Sanitary Institute (Hong Kong Centre) examinations in Sanitary Science, and for Sanitary Inspectors.

January 2—St. Stephen's College new school year begins.

REINDEER RACES.

A new sport will shortly be provided for Russians.

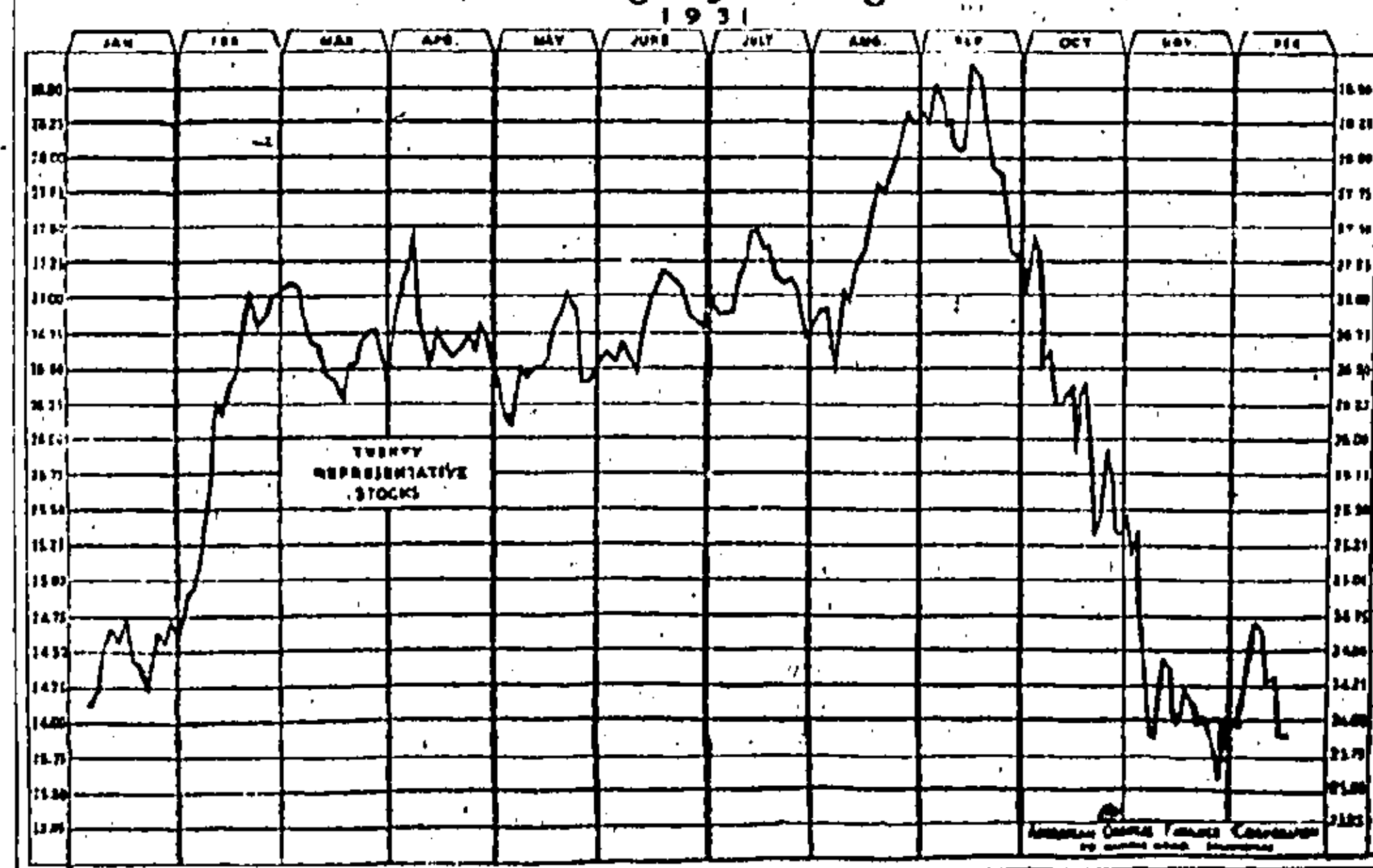
As soon as sufficient snow has fallen in Leningrad 100 reindeer brought from the far north will run a series of races.

Eskimos who have never been so far south as Leningrad before are to conduct the races.

the office of the O. I. C. Co. to-day at 5.15 p.m.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING D.S.P. (R.).

A.O.F.C. Average of Shanghai Stocks



Shares in the Shanghai market have been fairly steady in recent sessions but trading on the whole has been very dull. There is no incentive for doing business while conditions have been so unsettled.

The resignation of President Chiang has been pending, and there is a good deal of uncertainty as to what effects this will have on market sentiment.

The A. O. F. C. Average has undergone practically no change in three sessions. Bids for some of the leading shares have been lowered, others have been raised, and a

disturbance elsewhere have so little consequences in Shanghai is encouraging. Many local enterprises are continuing to do a good business, and on the basis of prevailing economic conditions, it would appear that the sharp shrinkage in share values that took place between September 19 and November 23 is not justified.

The statistical record of the A. O. F. C. Average follows:

January 16 24.10
High for year September 19 28.66
Low for year November 28 28.58
December 15 28.91

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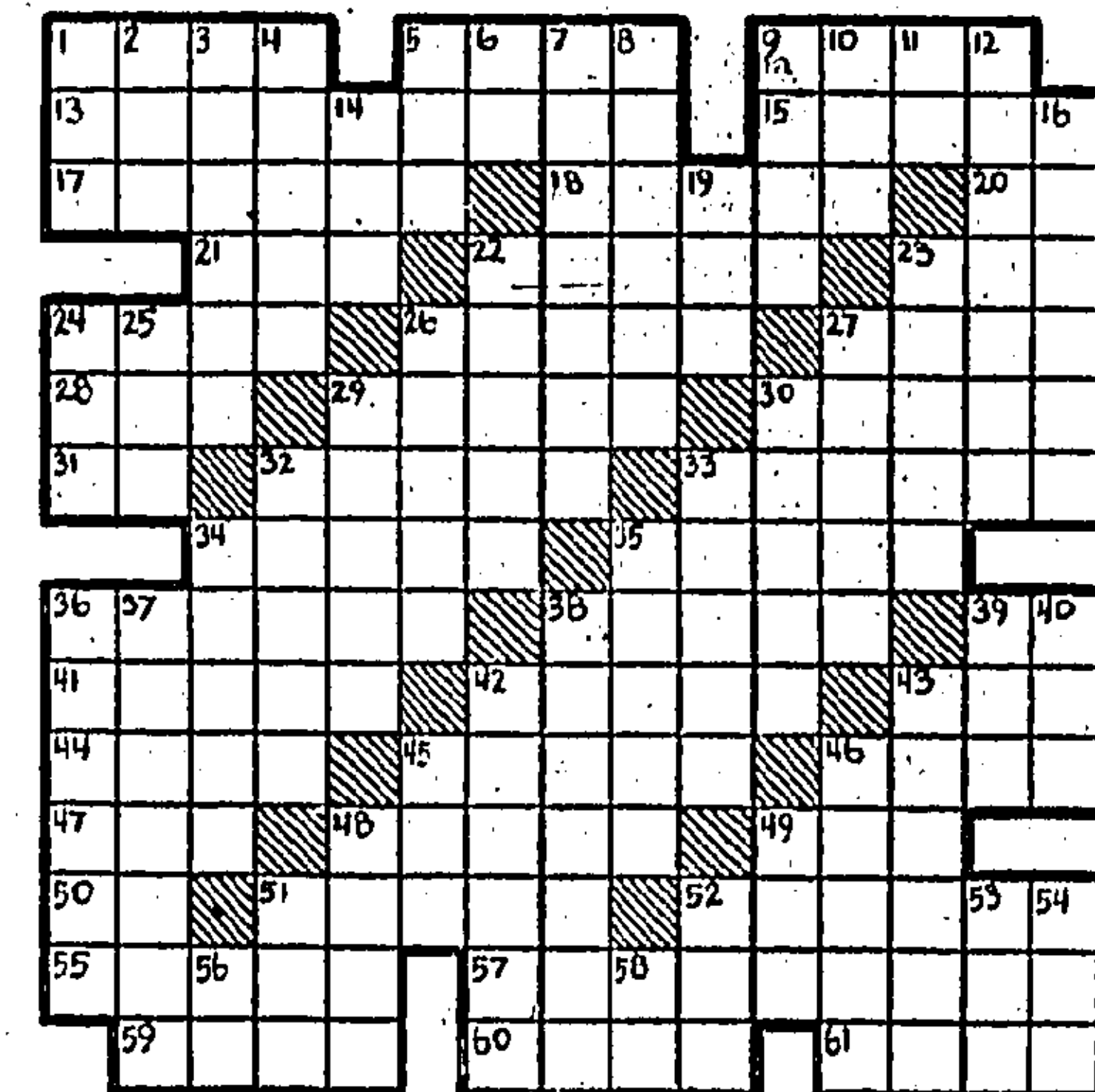
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Cable Add.

"Harview."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Reward
- 5—Stake in a poker game
- 9—Mineral springs
- 12—Proclaimed
- 15—Gains
- 17—Sharp answer
- 18—Resist authority
- 20—Printer's measure
- 21—Eagle
- 22—Sinned
- 23—Roe (foot)
- 24—Hinders
- 25—Tiny
- 27—Interest felt for a person
- 28—Boast of burden
- 29—Fragment
- 30—Water animal
- 31—Notary Public (abbr.)
- 32—Derrick
- 33—Moves rapidly
- 34—Descendant
- 35—Swerved aside
- 36—Combining form "time"
- 38—To clean
- 39—Middle Atlantic State (abbr.)
- 41—Porch
- 42—Delight
- 43—Vehicle
- 44—A drug plant
- 45—A loud noise

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

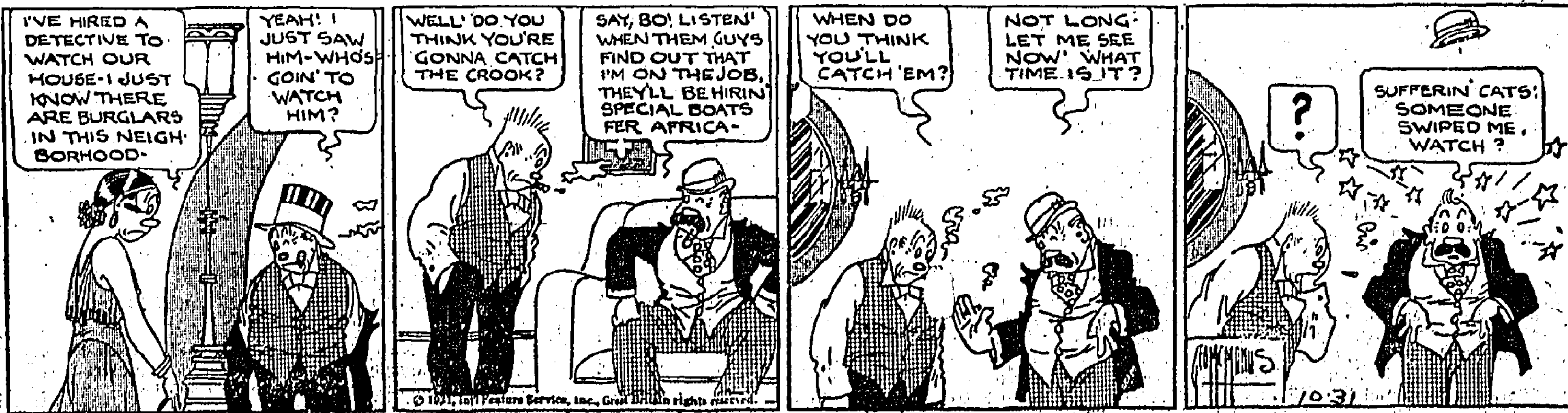
- 46—Tore
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- 48—Article of clothing (abbr.)
- 49—River in Poland
- 50—French for the
- 51—Sudden outcry
- 52—Infection from virus
- 53—Girl's name (short)
- 57—Revolutions
- 58—Name
- 60—Greek god of love
- 61—Hauled

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 22—Amend
- 23—Graded
- 24—Interdict
- 25—Corrupt
- 26—Combining form "Galiva"
- 27—Guide
- 28—Impress
- 30—A drug
- 32—Elected
- 33—Beach
- 34—Sing in a monotonous manner
- 35—Blamable
- 36—Baby's bed
- 37—Most divine
- 38—Smash
- 39—Woodland spirit (Gr. Myth.)
- 40—Skill
- 42—Part of sentence
- 43—A critic
- 44—Sound of contempt
- 46—Past
- 48—A science (abbr.)
- 49—Determined
- 51—A title
- 52—Slater (short)
- 53—Feminine suffix (abbr.)
- 54—Compass point (abbr.)
- 56—Prefix. Apart
- 58—Act

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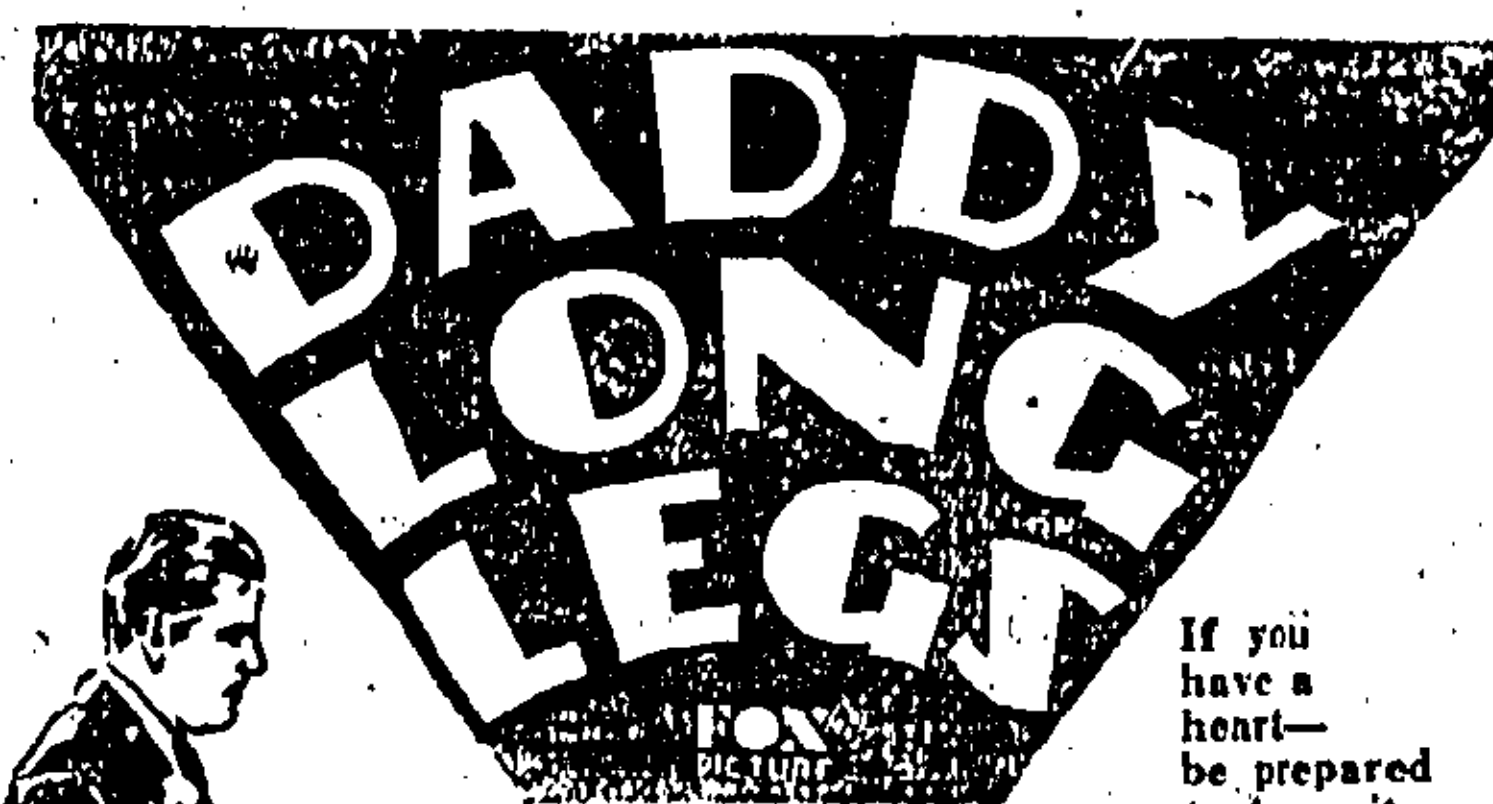
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YESTERDAY'S RUGBY FOOTBALL

C.B.A. DEFEAT THE CLUB SECONDS.

Francis Scores Twice
at King's Park.

WEAKENED TEAMS.

At King's Park yesterday afternoon, the Central British Association defeated the Hong Kong Hockey Club 2nd XI by two goals to one in a friendly encounter. Both teams were not at full strength, the C.B.A.'s team including J. T. K. Gilchrist, of the Radio S.C., and E. C. Fincher, one of the Club men. The game was fast, but no goals were registered in the first half. The C.B.A. were without the services of their goal-keeper and the dual duty of full-back and custodian was borne by A. Philipps, who played steadily.

In the second half, C.B.A. drew first blood through C. C. Francis, as the result of a corner hit by J. White. The Club equalised through L. D. Kilbee, who sent in a beautiful shot from the right. Just on time the C.B.A. scored the winning goal through Francis.

E. S. Moses, the Club's goal-keeper, was in fine form, and cleared many shots. Dale and Evans were good in the Club forward line, whilst Gilchrist and Whitley worked hard in the C.B.A. defence.

Result:—

C.B.A.	2
Club 2nd	1

HONG KONG HOCKEY CLUB TEAM.

Against H.K.S.R.A.
To-morrow.

Against the H.K.S.R.A. on the U.S.R.C. ground to-morrow at 5 p.m., the Hong Kong Hockey Club will be represented by the following: G. Duncan; W. Woodward; J. Rodger; W. A. Reed; A. A. Dand; E. V. Reed; H. Owen-Hughes; G. E. R. Divett; C. C. Francis; M. W. Turner; J. L. Tetly.

ARMY ELEVEN FOR HOLIDAY CRICKET.

Against Royal Navy
and Kowloon C.C.

The following team has been selected to represent the Army against the Hong Kong C.C. on Boxing Day, against the R. Navy on December 28 and 29, and against Kowloon C.C. on January 2 and 3: Capt. R. G. Moir D.S.O., M.C., Capt. (Argylls) Capt. Gottwaltz (Borderers), Capt. G. E. Mirehouse (Gloster), Capt. O. M. Wales M.C. (Borderers), Lieut. A. H. Musson (R.A.), Lieut. A. M. Anstruther (R.F.), Lieut. J. K. Macfarlan (R.A.), Lieut. G. Wolf-Barry (R.A.), 2/Lt. A. C. Hamilton (Borderers), Sigm. Williams (R.C. of Signals), Driv. Whitley (R.A.S.C.).

Reserves: Bdr. Bryant (R.A.), Sgt. Patterson (R.A.M.C.), C.S.M. Macfarlan (Argylls). Umpire, S. M. Gomer (R.E.). Scorer, Lt. H. M. Davies (S.W.B.). Play will commence at 11 a.m. each day.

At Sookunpoo to-morrow at 2 p.m., the following team will represent the R.E. & S. in the second division of the League.

Col. Skinner, Lt.-Col. Marsden R.E., Lieut. Anstruther R.E., Lieut. Ewbank R.C.S., S. C. Jordan, Cpl. Moohan, Cpl. Saunders, 1/Lt. Higgins R.C.S., Spr. Holmes, Sigm. Williams, Sigm. Gillett. Umpire, S. M. Gomer. Scorer, Sigm. Burat.

NARROW DEFEAT FOR KOWLOON.

Machine Gun Troop
Successful.

McLELLAN BRILLIANT.

(By "Scrum Half.")

At Happy Valley yesterday the Machine Gun Troop, H.K.V.D.C., defeated the Kowloon Rugby Club by a goal (5 points) to a try (3 points) in a fast and very evenly contested encounter.

Folding two men short for the first ten minutes of the game the Troop were kept on the defensive from the kick off, and it came as no surprise when Hardy touched down for Kowloon, following loose play on their line. The arrival of R. J. Grieve and L. G. Frost completed the Troop fifteen and gave them a chance to settle down which they did, though they were fortunate on several occasions to hold their line against repeated assaults. Half time arrived with no addition to the score, though Kowloon should have gone further ahead with a penalty kick just outside the Troop '25.

Robertson Gets Over.

The second half opened sensationally, a combined effort by the Troop forwards carrying the ball down field to the Kowloon twenty-five where Robertson picked up and forced his way over near the posts. McLellan, after much delay, converted this effort to place the Troop in the lead. Though it was a well-deserved try the score of 5 points to 3 was against the run of the play. Feet up against the Kowloon forwards was an ever-present menace but faulty kicking of the penalties awarded relieved the line on one or two dangerous occasions.

It was a fast and interesting game with Kowloon holding a definite advantage at forward though there were times when several forwards looked suspiciously offside in the loose. They possessed the heavier pack but their hooking was not so effective. Hardy and Walters were outstanding in the Kowloon pack, the former being especially prominent in the line outs.

McLellan Magnificent.

McLellan played a magnificent game for the Troop and held his forwards remarkably well. He is undoubtedly one of the best forwards in the Colony. His tackling was delightful to watch and his thrust in the loose opened up many promising movements. Though opposed to a better combination he held his forwards in a most praiseworthy manner. I do not know where they would have been had he not been playing, for there was not one who caught the eye.

Kowloon were outplayed at half-back though Crozier managed to smother Robertson once or twice. When the ball came out the Kowloon side it was slow and Robertson was nearly always quick enough to prevent Crozier sending out a good pass. Jenkins showed good understanding with Robertson and handled well.

Kilby Marks Lammert.

In the first half Lammert saw little of the ball as it was not coming out his side of the scrum and this caused Ferguson to change his position and go on the other wing with the result that Lammert saw enough of the ball in the second half to reach within a yard of the line on two occasions. One was a beautiful run right across the field and looked an almost certain try when Kilby brought off a brilliant tackle to bring him down near the corner flag. Kilby seemed to consider Lammert his man for he dogged his every step during the game. Wade showed good initiative but was inclined to hang on to the ball too long.

The Kowloon three-quarters were again troubled by the keen marking of their opposite numbers. No sooner had a three-quarter received possession than he was pounced upon owing to the slowness of the healing from the tight scrum and the slow dispatch from the scrum. When, however, the

SCOTLAND'S TEAM FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

International at the
Valley.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP.

The following have been selected to play for Scotland against England in the Sunday Herald Cup competition (on the Club ground on Christmas Day):—

Rodger (Club); Blackburn (Argylls) and Dixon (Navy); Hay (Argylls), McKelvie (Kowloon), and Gordon (Argylls); Bell (Club), Wyllie (Argylls), Campbell (Argylls), McTavish (Argylls), and Hughes (Argylls).

Reserves: Docherty (Argylls), McClashan (Argylls), Drummond (Argylls), Duncan (Kowloon), and Shepherd (Police).

DICK CORBETT WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

British Bantam Weight
Title & Lonsdale Belt.

JOHNNY KING OUTPOINTED.

Manchester, Yesterday. In a fifteen round contest for the British Bantam-Weight Championship and the Lonsdale Belt Dick Corbett, of Bethnal Green, outpointed Johnny King of Manchester. —Reuter.

ARMY V. NAVY AT SOOKUNPOO.

Triangular Rugby
Tournament.

The third match of the Triangular Rugby Tournament takes place at Sookunpoo this afternoon when the victorious Navy fifteen play the Army.

The following are the teams. Royal Navy.—Lt. Gosling (Suffolk); Sub. Lt. Lockley (Suffolk), Surg. Lt. Fielding, Mid. Thurston (Cumberland), O. A. Fabrey (Medway); Lt. Ryder (Medway). Sub. Lt. Hargreave (Cornwall); Lt. Corn. Crick (Marazion). Surg. Lt. Brosman (Cumberland). Lt. Linton (Medway). A. B. Deykin (Suffolk). E. R. A. Doggett (Hermes). Lt. Hubback (Hermes), Lt. Watson (Bruce), Lt. Pizey (Medway).

The Army.—Lt. Dunlop (A. and S.H.); Pte. Lewis (S.W.B.). Lt. Syer (Jata), Lt. Stevenson (A. and S.H.); Pte. Stevens (S.W.B.), Pte. Hoskins (S.W.B.), Lt. Prior (R.A.) (Capt.), Lt. Stevens (Jata), Lt. Crewe-Read (S.W.B.), Lt. Graham (A. and S.H.), Corp. Suter (S.W.B.), L/Cpl. Tratt (S.W.B.), Pte. Gilmore (S.W.B.), Pte. Lloyd (S.W.B.).

Kick-off: 4.15 p.m.

Referee: Mr. G. G. N. Tinson.

ball did come out at a fair pace Barnett held up the line by hanging on to the ball too long and as a consequence Whitley was starved on the wing. Ferguson, on the other wing, made one good run but was brought down in time. In defence Kilby and Ferguson were prominent.

Feet Up Infringement.

I noticed that feet up in the Kowloon scrum has not yet been rectified. Until they eliminate this feature from their game they are going to lose match after match, especially if the opposing side possess a man who can kick goals. Another big fault with their forwards was their inability to wheel and take the ball. They have, at present, little idea of this movement and lose a tremendous amount of effectiveness as a result.

Result:—
M.G. Troop 5 points
Kowloon 3 points

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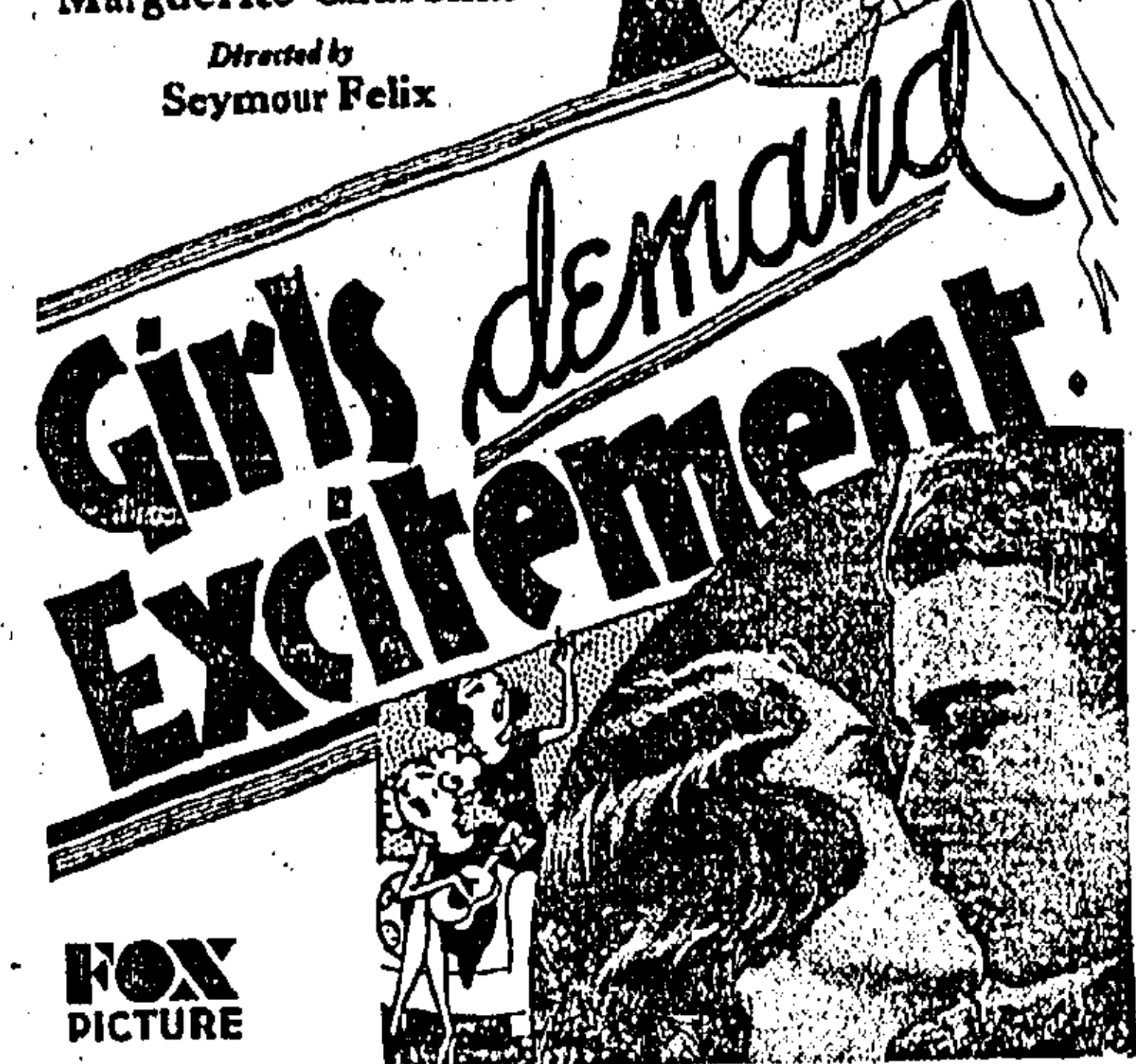
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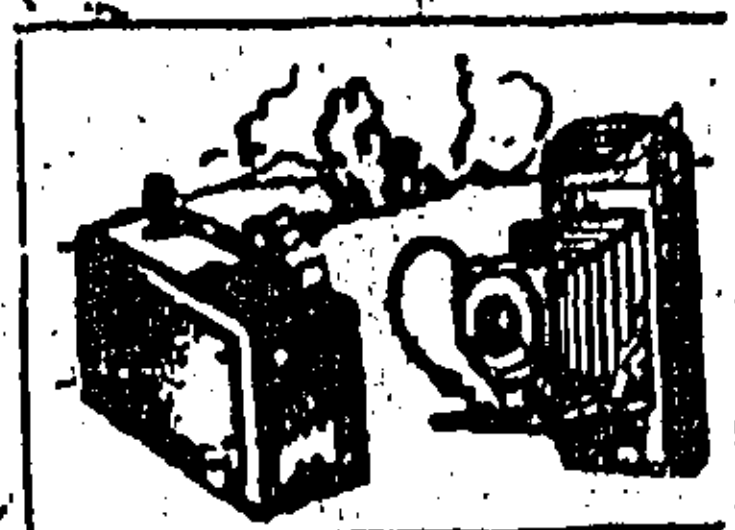
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Rugby

JUST A QUIET GAME

[By Robert Magill.]

Rugby football is not a bad game. I like it because it is the same as a political debate in Ireland. Every-body gets some of the fun.

In Association only two people can play at a time, the chap who kicks, and the one who gets kicked instead of the ball, but in Rugby you never know when somebody is going to pick on you just inclined to bang the ball on to some-body else.

It is the nearest approach to the feminine sport of attending a bargain sale, that we have, and if it were not for having to watch where the ball is occasionally, it would be a very pleasant and chummy way of spending a wet afternoon. You fall offener when it is muddy, but you are not so likely to shake things off the mantelpiece in the Anti-podes.

I have played a little. I used to play stand-off half until some cowardly big brute stood me on my head before I had time to get rid of the ball to a three-quarter.

The ball is an embarrassing possession. It attracts the attention of all the other players, and they are so eager to play with it that even the most selfish person is inclined to bang the ball on to somebody else as soon as possible.

After that I went forward, but I was too ticklish in the scrum to make a success there, and when I went to full back they told me I was too kindhearted. I hated to interfere when some sixteen-stone opponent was coming for me at more than twenty miles an hour. But apparently the game is not what it was. I stopped the other afternoon to watch a match, and there were two pessimistic old gentlemen lean-

ing over the fence. Said one, "Look at that, now. They've only been playing half-an-hour, and one or two of them are out of breath already. When I was a young man—"

"What can you expect?" said No. 2. "They're not in training. They dash about on these datted motor-bicycles where we used to walk. I remember—"

There was a scrum that lasted three minutes before somebody worked a wheel, and a couple of men lay down.

"Flabby lot!" said No. 1. "We didn't call it a scrum unless it lasted twenty minutes, and we'd dug ourselves so deep in the ground that the halves used to have to help us out. Now in '92—"

The referee blew for a forward pass, and everybody obeyed him, and stopped. It was charming to watch how they forgot all their enmity at the sound of the whistle. But my old friends didn't think so. "Bah!" said No. 2. "In my young days you never heard the whistle unless the referee blew it to call the police. At Blackheath once—"

He broke off to watch a full back, who grabbed a man as though he'd just met his income tax inspector, and tore his jersey off. The two old boys nearly wept.

"Did you hear that?" said No. 1. "He actually apologised, the ass!"

At this I could stand no more. I bribed two little boys to throw stones at the bloodthirsty old wretches. And I don't believe they anyway, because in those days players were sidewinders, and they dare not be rough in case somebody pulled them.—Sunday Pictorial.

AUSTRALIA'S BIG VICTORY.

South Africans Lose by An Innings.

VINCENT AGAIN BATS WELL.

Sydney, Yesterday.

Australia gained an overwhelming victory over the South Africans here to-day when they won the Second Test match by an innings and 155 runs.—Reuter.

Scores:—

South Africa—1st Innings.

B. Mitchell, b McCabe 1

J. A. J. Christy, c Nitschke, b Grimmett 14

D. P. B. Morkel, st. Oldfield, b Grimmett 20

H. W. Taylor, c Lee, b Grimmett 7

H. B. Cameron, b Wall 21

E. L. Dalton, b Grimmett 21

K. Viljoen, b Ironmonger 37

C. L. Vincent, not out 31

E. L. Brown, b McCabe 2

N. A. Quinn, lb.w., b McCabe 5

A. J. Bell, b McCabe 0

Extras 4

Total 153

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Wall 18 3 46 1

McCabe 12 5 13 4

Grimmett 24 12 28 4

Ironmonger 12 1 38 1

Lee 7 1 24 0

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Mitchell, b Vincent 58

W. H. Ponsford, b Quinn 127

K. Rigg, b Bell 127

D. G. Bradman, c Viljoen, b Morkel 112

S. J. McCabe, c Christy, b Vincent 79

H. C. Nitschke, b Bell 47

P. K. Lee, c Cameron, b Brown 0

W. A. Oldfield, c Cameron, b Bell 8

Bell 9

Grimmett, not out 9

Total 619

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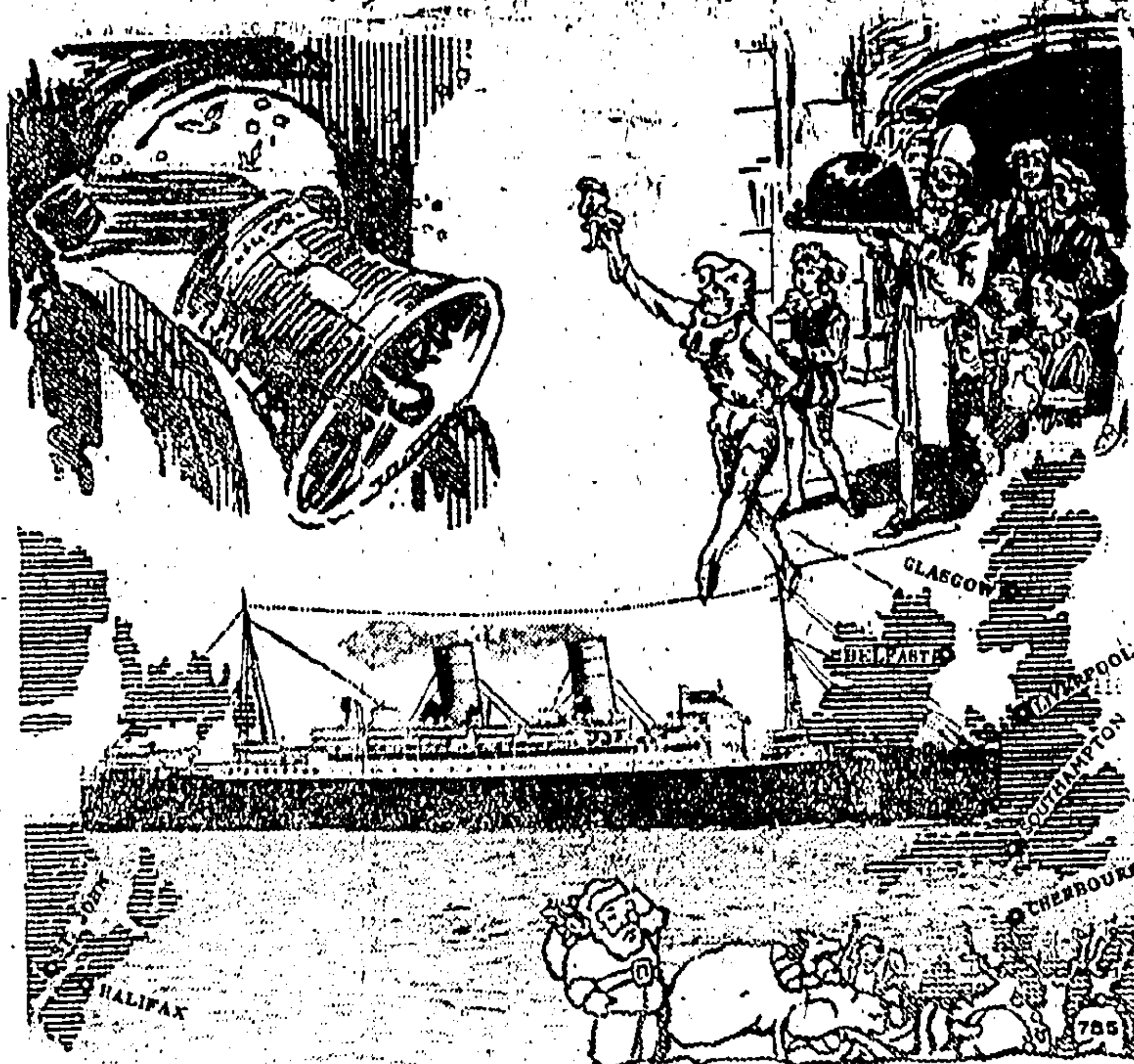
Grimmett 44 4

Ironmonger 22 3

Lee 25 1

—Reuter.

Christmas At Home



"In half a minute Mrs. Cypriote entered—flushed, but smiling proudly—with the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half of half a quarter of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top."

Not very many words, but in these few words Charles Dickens seems to have gathered together all the reasons why every year Canadians from all over the Dominion look towards England and the old-fashioned Christmas.

And the ghostly smell of that Christmas pudding, like an eating-house, and a pastry-cook's next door to each other, with a laundress's next door to that!

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Mr. H. G. Wells, prophet and scientist, has written his greatest work—a book of a quarter of a million words on the pressing problems that face you and me and the world in general.

The author revealed to me the scope and aim of the book, which will shortly be published (writes a Daily Express correspondent).

It will be called "The Work, Wealth, and Happiness of Mankind."

We walked over from Mr. Wells' spacious suite in Baker Street to a favourite corner of his in the Botanic Gardens to talk about it.

"Are you dealing with hard facts like the pound and the gold standard?"

"Yes. As a matter of fact, that particular chapter was written more than a year ago."

Prophecy Danger.

He mentioned the names of many financial experts who had looked through that particular chapter.

"What is very pleasing," said Mr. Wells, "is to find that although the tense has had to be altered things have so come to pass that no fundamental alteration of the chapter has had to be made."

"There is a pretty careful analysis of the whole slump, from 1929 onwards."

"Is this book very abstruse?"

"If I am not told that it reads like a novel I shall feel that I have missed my vocation."

"Does it deal with economic facts in advance, in the near and distant future?"

"It is a descriptive book, but it is not a prophetic work. It goes as far as to say 'If so and so is done, so and so must follow.'"

"You are not going to tell us we should all sell out and run for our lives?"

"There is always difficulty in prophecy; you can never tell which horse is going to be a head in front of any other. People may be all trying to sell out and run for safety; but there is no safety for individuals."

"Either the situation itself is going to be safe or made a catastrophe by panic and stampede."

"It is just those fellows who are rushing about and trying to make a turn on the market who are going to upset the ship."

Social Breakdown.

Mr. Wells talked of the social breakdown that might be brought about.

"It would be rather appalling to have to face, but I think a social breakdown due to want of unity, short-sightedness, and cowardice is more likely than not at the present time."

"I shall take a deep breath, and feel myself very much safer if I find myself in a steady world in 1934."

I was anxious to know why he had fixed this date. Was the world to be a storm-tossed sea for three years?"

"I think," said Mr. Wells, "that by that time we shall know if the boat is going over or not. We are very much up against it now."

"What do you mean by a social breakdown?"

"I mean," he said slowly, "the destruction of confidence in money so that you won't be able to carry on industry. You will have enormous masses not only of unemployed people, but starving people; who will be angry, disposed to violence."

"You will have people in authority, frightened by the crowds and provoking them in all sorts of ways by repression."

Then, with the utmost seriousness, he added:—

"Behind it all famine, pestilence. The world carries nearly two thousand millions of people; Well, it can't do that unless the crops grow and the trains run and the shops are open."

"And if the trains don't run and the shops don't keep open and there is no money in people's pockets to buy anything, what else can you have but a famished crowd? And what will a famished crowd do?"

Curious to know more concerning the plan of the book, I asked Mr. Wells if it were sectionalised.

Map of Humanity.

"Yes," he said, and proceeded to indicate the sections.

"A review of the regions of human and social organisations, sections on how mankind is fed; how mankind is clothed, and how mankind is housed, transport and communications between man and man, the working of the industrial machine, leading up to a study of money, which is the flux of the economic organisation."

"And so on to an examination of monetary, financial, political and educational methods."

"If," he concluded, "you can find a human being who will not fit in somewhere in the book you will have caught me napping. It will be a small scale map, but even with a small scale map, you ought to be able to put your finger on it and say, 'I am there.'"



WELLS AND HIS BOOK.

SERAPIS DEFEAT THE R.A.M.C.

Ng Sze-kwong Billiards Tourney.

H.M.S. Serapis met the R.A.M.C. in the sixth match of the first round of the Services Billiards tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong challenge cups at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last evening, and won handsomely by four games to one.

Scores:—

H.M.S. Serapis.

P.O. Hiscock 150.

C.P.O. Welch 150.

S.B.A. Kearney 150.

C. Stoker, Leclerc 150.

P.O. Parker 113.

R.A.M.C.

Sergt. Tidd 129.

Corpl. Davies 140.

Pte. Taylor 88.

Corpl. Wiese 86.

Pte. Davies 150.

The next match is to be held to-morrow evening between H.M.S. Suffolk and the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

LIP-READING IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

Deaf Mute's Marriage.

In the Divorce Court, Lord Merrivale granted decrees nisi in eighteen null

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Mrs. H. A. Settle tenders her
sincere thanks to her friends for
the many expressions of sympathy
in her recent bereavement, and
also for floral tributes and attend-
ance at the funeral.

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1931.

Your Spare Time!

"The fact remains that we
still hear of people finding
spare time in Hong Kong hang-
ing heavily and devoid of purpose,
and we are still calling for
helpers to fill the vacant offices
now occupied by men who are
actually holding two or three
already."

The foregoing is a pregnant
passage from the annual report
of the Boy Scouts' Association
compiled by the Commissioner,
the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave. This
complaint is not confined to the
Boy Scouts movement. It can be
applied with equal force to nearly
every Association, Society, or
Club. A cursory glance through
the "Who's Who" section of the
Dollar Directory will disclose
that a few men hold many offices
in public bodies and that many
men hold no offices at all—not
even that of a member of Com-
mittee. Just as the busiest men
find time to do the most, those
with spare time hanging heavily
on their hands are quite content
to go on doing nothing and per-
mitting others to shoulder all the
responsibilities attaching to
maintaining our numerous pub-
lic bodies in a state of efficiency.
This type know not the pleasure
associated with the Boy Scouts'
motto: "No day without a deed
to crown it." They closet them-
selves in the quietude of their
own little personal circle, with-
out the slightest desire to as-
sociate themselves with the great
communal work going on, day in
and day out, around them. They
pursue the same routine prac-
tically 313 week days in each year,
absolutely self-centred, yet—if
the truth were known—tired
and bored with the dullness of
life in the Colony. On occasion,
though, these same drones can
be partially aroused from their

lethargy—to find fault and
criticise the activities of the
busy bees! And they who do too
much, or attempt too much, are
the biggest targets for criticism.

No person can live unto him-
self and for himself without both
he and the community in gen-
eral being the losers thereby in
the long run. The man with-
out a hobby wherewith to pass
his spare time is not likely to be
imbued with very much of the
civic spirit or the will to be
of service to others. Nor is he
an example for the younger gen-
eration on whom will one day rest
the duties and responsibilities of
citizenship.

Toward the close of another
year the call for more helpers in
the Boy Scout movement and in
all kindred Associations and in-
stitutions is most timely. The
average adult of to-day does not
require to be educated in regard
to the benefits to the whole
Colony of the Boy Scouts' Asso-
ciation of the Girl Guides' Asso-
ciation. There is a call for self-
examination during the season
of goodwill to ascertain if each
is satisfied with how his spare
time is spent and if that spirit of
goodwill cannot in the coming
year incorporate a little thought
and a little action on behalf of
those admirable public bodies
sorely in need of more helpers.

From Other Pens.

Medals and Chevrons.

If decorations were given for
political battles there would be
many ribboned veterans on the
platforms. The oldest political
soldier, Mr. Lloyd George, would
have a chestful of ribbons, but he
would not have the greatest array.
This distinction would belong to
Sir Austen Chamberlain. He has
been on his armour 15 times and
has been the victor on each occasion.
He is now engaging in his sixteenth
election. Mr. Lloyd George would
be able to show twelve medals for
his thirteenth.

Among the battered veterans are
Mr. Churchill and Mr. Arthur
Henderson. The former is fighting
his fourteenth and the latter his
thirteenth election.
But Mr. Churchill's sleeve would
carry five chevrons for wounds, and
Mr. Henderson's three. The Prime
Minister is in his twelfth battle.
He has four wound stripes—Even-
ing Standard.

Prodigies.
It is reported that Shiah Khan,
a Persian youth of eighteen who is

nearly twelve feet tall, is projecting
a visit to Europe, where he hopes
to achieve wealth and fame by
reason of his great height. As soon
as his intention was known Sheikh
Salim, who is fifty years old and
nineteen inches tall, suggested that
he might accompany him, on the
ground that as opposite prodigies
the one would enhance the specta-
cular effect of the other. It appears
probable that a bargain will be
struck, and that Shiah Khan and
Sheik Salim will set out on their
travels together. From the economic
point of view such prodigies are to
be envied. Men will pay merely to
look at them, and they have in their
mere physical presences a certain
livelihood. The rest of us must
provide society with some necessary
commodity, or at any rate persuade
society that the services we perform
have a social value, but Shiah Khan
and Sheik Salim are in the happy
position of being able to draw pro-
fits from a passive display of their
bodies. This lucrative gift, not ac-
quired but born in them, is likely,
however, to prove an embarrassment
in their leisure hours, or at least to
force them to live in great privacy.
By walking casually along a crowded
thoroughfare they provide a view of
themselves gratis and thereby
diminish its market value. Who
would pay for a seat in the opera
when prima donnas were to be
heard for nothing in the streets?
Shiah Khan and Sheik Salim dare not
mix pleasantly with their fellows
for fear that their prodigious sta-
ture should become commonplace
and so cease to be marketable. But
perhaps they intend to show them-
selves sparingly in Europe in order
to gain enough wealth to be able to
live openly amongst their own
people. Unless they are prohibited
as luxury imports, as dumped pro-
digies unfairly competing with the
home product, they should be able
to earn from the European the
wherewithal to bestow themselves
freely upon the Persian—Manches-
ter Guardian.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 61 degrees. The
humidity was 66 at 10 a.m. and 64
at 4 p.m.

A fire broke out in the Central
district last night when the first
floor of No. 120, Jervois Street,
which is used as a herb and medi-
cine shop, was damaged by fire and
water. No persons were injured.
The shop is insured for \$12,000.

A remand of 48 hours was granted
by Mr. J. A. Fraser, at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning,
when a Chinese, Chan Fuk, was
charged on two counts of kidnapp-
ing. It is alleged that two boys
were kidnapped from West Point.
They were discovered by the Water
Police on board a ship.

The spirit of jollity prevailed in
the St. Andrew's Church Hall last
night, when members and their
friends held their annual fancy
dress dance and social. There was
a large attendance, and the hall was
regally bedecked with festive de-
corations. Dancing and games
were indulged in, until midnight.

The summonses against Detective-
Sergeant Douglas Fitches and five
Chinese detectives, arising out of
the Sik Yue Club case, were dropped
at the Central Magistracy yesterday
afternoon, before Mr. W. Schofield.
The complainants (thirteen Chi-
nese members of the Sik Yue Club
whose convictions by the Second
Magistrate were quashed by a Full
Court of Appeal recently) failed to
make an appearance, nor were they
represented by Mr. C. K. Hall
Bruton, who had retained Mr.
F. C. Jenkin, K.C., C.B.E. for the
prosecution.

CHEUNG-CHAU NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Cheung Chau, Yesterday.
On Friday last, about 50 boys
from the local Government School
went for a picnic to Tai Po. The
weather proved favourable and all
greatly enjoyed the outing.
The annual prize distribution in
connection with this school will
take place on December 29. Mr.
A. O. Brown is expected to be pre-
sent.

The P.W.D. has been busy mak-
ing a revised survey of the house
in the Reservation. The Affores-
tration Department has also been
busy preparing holes for further
tree planting.

Mr. and Mrs. Kastman were here
for the week-end at No. 27A,
which they recently purchased.
They are planning improvements
to the property.
Several visitors were also here
for the week-end.

PUREE DE POIS

By

BESOMORO.

GOOD NEWS FOR BRANDY-
WALLAHS.

"Finest brandy guaranteed
six weeks old." This may be a
familiar announcement in the
future. Mr. D. E. Robbins, a
London scientist, claims to have
discovered a process which ma-
tures brandy, and whisky, in
this short time. Five years of
experiment in a Piccadilly cellar
are at the back of the secret pro-
cess upon which he has alighted.
Brandy, costing 13s. a gallon,
"aged" in six weeks, was submit-
ted for valuation in the ordinary
way of business to a number of
brandy shippers, and the aver-
age "matching" price of four-
teen samples was more than
three times the original cost.

WANTED TO GET HIS FACTS
RIGHT.

A German author and play-
wright was sentenced, in Ger-
many, recently, to a year's im-
prisonment for arson in an at-
tempt to obtain 50,000 marks in
insurance money. He pleaded
that he tried to burn his house
to get local colour for a new
novel he was writing. One of
his previous books, apparently,
had been criticised because it
contained technical errors, and,
as the hero of his new work was
a man who burned down his
house to destroy all connection
with his previous life, the author
decided, in order to avoid further
blunders, to act the part of the
hero in reality. Unfortunately
for the author, it was discovered
that he was in financial difficul-
ties. His plea, therefore, failed
to carry much weight with the
Court.

THE COST OF A KISS.

A Frenchman, the other day,
had dined so well in a restaurant
in Lyons that when he went out-
side he insisted on trying to kiss
an elderly woman. She, over-
come with surprise and indigna-
tion, fell backwards into a gut-

ter, and broke her leg. Now,
monsieur has to pay doctor's and
other expenses, and mademoi-
selle's convalescence is expected
to last about two months.
Monsieur has been let off lightly.
Had his kiss led to matrimony,
as most kisses do, it would have
cost him very much more.

QUEER TALE OF THE IRON
DUKE.

The question, did Marshal Ney
die before a firing squad, is an-
swered by Michael Ney, of
Omaha, Nebraska, who claims to
be a grand-nephew of the French
military leader, with an empha-
tic "No."

Marshal Ney, condemned to
death after the defeat of Napo-
leon at Waterloo, was spared by
a ruse of the Iron Duke, accord-
ing to Mr. Ney, of Omaha.

"Marshal Ney," he says, "was
spared when the Duke of Well-
ington arranged a plan to save
him. As Marshal Ney walked to-
wards the firing squad, Wellin-
gton whispered 'Fire high.' This
the men did—and Marshal Ney
fell, breaking a small phial of red
liquid over his heart as he sank
to the ground.

"That night he rode 80 miles
on a horse to Bordeaux, where
he took ship and left France."

On January 29, 1816, declares
Mr. Michael Ney, the Marshal
landed at Charleston, South Caro-
lina, and for the next 30 years
he taught in schools in North and
South Carolina under the name
of Peter S. Ney.

For this story, says Mr.
Michael Ney, there is the word
of Peter S. Ney himself.

In November of 1846, he
relates, Peter S. Ney was
on his deathbed. A few
minutes before he died he
admitted that he was Marshal
Ney of France.

"And now," said Mr. Michael
Ney, "the body of Peter S. Ney
or Marshal Ney lies in the Third
Greek Churchyard at Rowan
City, North Carolina."

DYE WORKS ROBBERY.

Before the Puisse Judge at the
Assizes yesterday afternoon, three
Chinese, Ng Tak, Sin Tim and Li
Kam, were charged in connection
with a robbery at a dye works at
Shaungshap village, Kowloon
City.

The statement of offence was that
Ng Tak, with others unknown,
together robbed Wong Fan-nam of
64 rolls of cloth. Sin Tim was
charged with aiding and abetting in
the robbery. A further charge
against Ng Tak was that he had re-
ceived ten rolls of cloth, while Li
Kam was charged with receiving
eight rolls, knowing them to have
been stolen.

Ng Tak admitted robbery; Sin
Tim pleaded guilty to aiding and
abetting; and Li Kam admitted re-
ceiving stolen property. The
Crown accepted these pleas and did
not proceed with the other counts.

His Lordship took a serious view
of Sin Tim's offence in leaving the
door unfastened for the robbers to
enter and sentenced him to three
years. Ng Tak got two years for
robbery, and Li Kam 18 months for
receiving stolen property.

SOLDIER IN TROUBLE.

Arthur Price, a private in the
South Wales Borderers, was
brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser at
the Kowloon Magistracy, today
charged with the theft of a dinner
suit, pair of boots, and a tie, the
property of Mr. T. A. Ellis. The
alleged theft occurred at the
Y.M.C.A. in Salisbury Road. An-
other charge of unlawfully pawn-
ing an overcoat and a suit was also
preferred. At the request of De-
tective Sub-Inspector Elston a re-
mand in military custody was
granted.

DRINKING LESS BEER.

750,000 Fewer Barrels Produced
In Britain.

A decrease of more than three-
quarters of a million standard
barrels of beer produced in Great
Britain and Ireland in the first
half of this year, compared with
the first half of last year, is in-
dicated in a written answer by
the Chancellor of the Exchequer
to a question put by Mr. E.
Winterton (Sec. Loughborough).
Mr. Snowden's reply showed
that 9,115,427 standard barrels
were produced in the first half of
1930, compared with 8,314,279
in the corresponding period this
year. In July and August last
year the figures were 1,918,455
and 1,577,376 barrels and in July
and August this year 1,777,618
and 1,464,800 (approximately)
standard barrels were produced.

To-day's Thought.

There is nothing so deadly as
the poison gas of suspicion.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of
December 22, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

Major General Malcolm, the new
officer commanding troops in the
Straits Settlements, arrived at
Singapore to-day.

Major-General Fowler, who has
been appointed to command the
troops in China, proceeds to Hong
Kong early in January.

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PERSONALITY CHANGED BY DIET.

Startling Views of An American Scientist.

Will there come a time when we can change our personalities through diet, when the morose and surly, merely by the judicious use of sweets, can be transformed into optimists, and when diet can be prescribed to make us more adaptable, more attractive, more kind?

This is the vision of a well-known American scientist. In the psychological laboratory at Colgate University, Dr. Donald A. Laird is conducting a series of experiments to determine the effect of common foods on personality. The conclusions show, by graph and chart and actual data, that there is a definite relationship between what we eat and what, mentally and emotionally as well as physically, we are.

Dr. Laird, who is head of the psychology department, is young, enthusiastic and engrossed with this subject which may affect life so vitally and so widely. While he has probably done more exhaustive research in his line than any other man, he disclaims credit for originating the theory.

There are two hundred detailed research reports by psychologists and biochemists which indicate encouragingly that body chemistry and the foodstuffs which enter into its maintenance have a profound relationship to many personality characteristics," he said in an interview. "Both abnormal and normal personality traits appear to come under the sway of diet in many instances."

The Question. "This, of course, raises the question whether mind determines body or whether body determines mind, or whether they are merely different aspects of the same thing known as an individual. But this is a question to interest the philosopher and its final answer—if there can be a final answer to a poster of this sort—will not change the rather startling facts which research has established."

A partial answer to this "power" was advanced recently in a very citadel of conservative science. The American Medical Association heard a report from Dr. Walter Freeman, of Washington, Chairman of the Association's section on nervous and mental diseases, which told of experiments establishing a relationship between insanity and the chemical content of the body.

Dual personality, he said, may be only lack of oxygen in the nervous system, while other forms of insanity probably result from a deficiency of sulphur and iron in the brain. In experiments at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Washington, Dr. Freeman actually relieved cases of insanity by administering the needed chemical elements.

Sea Foods.

"The energetic vivacious, lively personality associated with an active thyroid gland is dependent upon a food supply that has adequate amounts of iodine," Dr. Laird says. "Sea foods are rich in iodine, so it may well be that the gay, likeable person, popular at parties, is so because he eats heartily of shell fish and not because he has learned to play the saxophone in ten easy lessons by post."

"Persons with an excitable makeup have been found by Dr. Gilbert J. Rich to have an alkaline reaction in both their blood and saliva. Can we indulge our imaginations a bit and wonder if the younger generation is becoming more excitable from eating an excess of alkaline foods? Or whether the excitable person would have his personality tempered in this quality, if he followed a base-forming diet of eggs, red meat, oatmeal, wheat, bacon and rice?"

Aid to Digestion. "These conjectures deserve to be taken in all seriousness, for the work of Dr. Rich is confirmed in one way or another by the work of Dr. H. E. Starr at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. John William Rauth at the

Catholic University. "Both here at Colgate and in other laboratories where the psychology of nutrition is being studied, probably the most positive and interesting results have been obtained through experiments with sweets. Physiologists and dietitians had already blasted the old prejudice that sweets are bad for us and taught the public that sweets are not only beneficial but a necessary part of the diet."

"Our experiment has gone still further. We have found that sweets exert the most pronounced stimulation on the gastric juices, thereby promoting good digestion, soothing nerves frayed by fatigue and so making the individual happier and better adjusted to life."

A Test.

Dr. Laird's experiments with diet and fatigue proved beyond question the advantage of having sweets at hand for every emergency. One experiment dealt with fatigue from ordinary stair climbing, an activity which consumes fifteen times as much bodily energy as covering the same distance on the level.

Twelve healthy and vigorous young men were used as subjects. Forty minutes prior to the test they were given drinks, half of which contained a carbohydrate in concentrate form and half of which did not. Only one laboratory assistant knew which drinks were loaded with the carbohydrate and the tastes were identical.

The boys were given an examination before and after climbing the stairs. The second test showed that the speed and accuracy of co-ordination of the eye and hand, general muscular co-ordination, body sway, "lag of attention" and speed of mental addition, were all impaired to a greater or less degree by this exercise in the young men who had not received the carbohydrate cocktail. But in the others, all these effects were found to have been offset by the effect of the sweet.

Among Hikers.

Another experiment conducted by Dr. Laird was an eight-mile hike taken by eight young men—an exertion which, under normal conditions, produces about the same feeling of fatigue as going without a night's sleep. On some hikes, they took an assortment of sweets rich in carbohydrates, while on others they

used synthetic sweets with the same taste as the others but lacking in carbohydrates. One-third fewer feelings of fatigue appeared on the hike when the carbohydrates were munched than on both hikes.

"Feelings of fatigue are often imaginary," Dr. Laird explains, "and it was therefore an important part of the experiment to see that the carbohydrate foods could not be distinguished from the others. Such results as were obtained came unquestionably from the food itself and not from the imagination of the subject."

"Women in the process of drastic reducing diets have given ample proof of the sad effect of personality which results from the diet of all carbohydrates. They are irritable, nervous and chronically tired—and the second week or so of a reducing diet is one of the greatest possible strains on the family tie."

Definite Change. "Such results were tabulated by the Nutrition Laboratory in the case of squads of young men who were put on a typical reducing diet for several months—purely for science and not for that girlish figure. Their heroic experiment showed that the body will stand a lot of punishment, but that it does not exactly take it gracefully."

"The complex psychological functions are the first to rebel to slow up, to lose accuracy. While on the reducing diet, these young men lost in hearing, became less sensitive to electrical shocks, slowed up in speed of addition, but were affected still worse in accuracy of addition."

"They lost the ability to draw a straight line and their strength of clenching a fist decreased. The speed with which their eyes could be moved from left to right suffered a reduction of some five per cent. In short, their personalities underwent a quite definite change."

An Explanation.

Diet probably has a direct bearing on world history and the nature of the nations, Dr. Laird believes. He says "While we do not wish to agree entirely with those who see in the history of the natural supply of good-stuffs the reasons for the history of a people, it is nevertheless plain that we find in carbohydrates at least a partial explanation of the energy and activity and ordinary resistance to fatigue, which characterises localities and even nations."

"The fish, meat and blubber diet of the Eskimo, and the tropical diet of fruit, nuts and milk may throw some light on the typical lassitude of both peoples—if we can for the moment disregard other factors."—Ceylon Observer.

To my mind the question before many of the countries throughout the world to-day is: Which is it to be—gold without trade, or if need be trade without gold?—Sir H. Deterding.

"He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause."—Beecher.

MALARIA IN THE COLONY.

Question for the Sanitary Board.

MALARIOLOGISTS WORK.

Mr. M. K. Lo, pursuant to notices, will ask at the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-day:—

"I. With reference to my questions on December 9 1930, and the answers of the Head of the Sanitary Department to me of the same date, in the course of which he stated that the reports of the Malariologist on Lyeemur and Talkoo were forwarded to the Government by the Honourable the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services with his recommendations on October 4 and 14, 1930, respectively, that the Government was not in a position to announce its intentions on the recommendations submitted, and that the question of publishing the recommendations had not been considered by the Government, and

With reference to my questions on February 3, 1931, and the answers of the Head of the Sanitary Department to me on the same date, in the course of which he stated inter alia that he was authorised to reply that when the Malariologist had made a comprehensive survey and had submitted a complete report on the Colony it would be published—

Will the Head of the Sanitary Department be kind enough to ascertain from the Government, and inform the Board, as to whether the Malariologist has now made the comprehensive survey and complete report above referred to, and if not, as to whether it is possible to state when the same may be expected, and when the same will be published?

ii. Will the Head of the Sanitary Department be kind enough to obtain from the Government the necessary information to enable him to make a statement to this Board as to what anti-malarial measures have been taken since the appointment of the Malariologist?

iii. Can the Head of the Sanitary Department give any information to the Board as to whether there is any evidence that such anti-malarial measures as have been taken within the present year have resulted in any appreciable diminution of this disease as compared with former years?

iv. Is it not a fact that there are many malarial cases in the Colony at the present time?

Personal Par.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Arthur Donald Bennett, Flying Officer, R.A.F., Kai Tak Aerodrome, and Jessica Beatrice Winters, 260, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

SIGNS AS WORLD LANGUAGE.

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Many things in life would be simplified by the use of "a universal code of terms," according to Sir Denison Ross, director of the School of Oriental Studies in London.

In a lecture in New York he said that by means of less than 1,000 script signs, most of which could be borrowed from the Chinese, the same idea could be conveyed to all who knew them, but could be interpreted by each in his own language.

"To begin with, I should introduce a limited number of characters for universal use in connection with public notices in towns and roads and railway stations and so forth. In every land such notices would be posted in the language of the country and in the universal script. This would accustom people to its use. Each sign would have its own number, and those numbers would be used for cables and telegrams, as is already the case in China."

Taught in Schools.

"It would not be at all difficult for children to master the code, if the learning of the 1,000 characters were made compulsory in the schools. I have often taught children some of these characters and have always found that they learn them quickly and also that they think it great fun."

BEAUTIFUL FRENCH WOMAN SHOOT MILLIONAIRE.

A few days ago, a beautiful woman stood in the dock at the Seine Assizes, Paris, on a charge of attempted murder. She is Mlle. Gabrielle Joron, born half a century ago and for many years the intimate friend of a Chilean millionaire, Senor de Astoreca, by whom she was adored, flattered and pampered. A liaison with a dashing airman is said to have led to the tragedy of which she now stands accused. It is alleged that, although she had severed her connection with Senor de Astoreca, he continued to pay her a monthly cheque until 1928, when he lost a large part of his fortune and finally stopped the allowance altogether.

Mlle. Joron, it is stated, took a train to Paris, bought a loaded revolver, and visited Senor de Astoreca, demanding that her allowance should be continued. When he proved adamant in his refusal, she is alleged to have fired six shots at him and then tried to shoot herself. After six months in a nursing home, Senor de Astoreca has now completely recovered, but his former beautiful friend has to face the courts. She is defended by the famous French advocate, M. de Moro-Giafferri.

Vienna has asked Venice to send her 100 cats with which to start an anti-rat campaign.

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	1 phial Pomeranian Bitters.

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1 qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin.
1 qt. Martell's *** Brandy	
2 qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky	1 qt. Vino de Pesto Sherry.
	1 phial Pomeranian Bitters.

No. 3 HAMPER—\$50.

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1 pt. G. F. Peppermint	1 qt. Amouillado Sherry
1 pt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin.
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LAMMERT BROS.
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, December 19, 1931.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS

IN Accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th December (Christmas Holidays).

Hong Kong, 21st December, 1931.



PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 28th day of December, 1931, at 2 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Fleming Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Lot	Area	Location	Remarks
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NOTICE.

All Firms, Associations, Clubs, etc., who have not yet sent in the particulars of their concerns for the 1932 issue of the Hong Kong Dollar Directory are requested to forward the necessary information to the publishers without delay.

The HONG KONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.,
China Mail Building,
3A, Wyndham Street.

GENERAL NOTICES.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 31st day of December, 1931, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1931, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 28th December, 1931, to THURSDAY, 31st December, 1931, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 16th December, 1931.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE NO. 4264 for ONE HUNDRED (100) SHARES, numbered 6690/6739, 7869/7893 and 39190/39214, in the above Company and standing in the name of FRANK CISCIO XAVIER SOARES having been reported lost, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE is produced within ONE MONTH from the date hereof, it will thereafter be held by the Company as NULL AND VOID, and a NEW CERTIFICATE for the said shares will be issued.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th December, 1931.

ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE, HONG KONG CENTRE.

EXAMINATIONS for SANITARY INSPECTORS and in SANITARY SCIENCE will be held on January 12 and 14, 1932. Candidates should apply to the local Secretary, Education Department for Application Forms on or before December 31, 1931.

Hong Kong, December 19, 1931.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

AS from the 21st DECEMBER, our practice will be carried on at Pedder Building, First Floor.

A. E. HALL & CO.,
Solicitors, &c.
Hong Kong, 19th December, 1931.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Information has been received that the Air Mail Service between Shanghai and Manchouli is suspended and the acceptance of letters for this service is accordingly discontinued until further notice.

Christmas and New Year card enclosed in opened envelopes addressed to Hong Kong, China and Macao, are accepted at the special rate for printed matter, i.e., 2 cents per 2 ounces. The cards must not bear more than five written words and the envelopes must be entirely open.

INWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.	
Batavia	Tjinegara
Straits	Terukuni Maru
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen
Straits	Van Heutz
Saigon	Porthos
Shanghai	Somali
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
Amoy	Tilawa
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.	
Formosa	Coblenz 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Fook On 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.	
Swatow	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
President Wilson (Due San Francisco, Jan. 12 and Europe via Siberia.)	
Parcels	Dec. 22, 3 p.m.
Registration	8.45 p.m.
Letters	4.50 p.m.
San Francisco	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.	
Amoy	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	
Registration	Dec. 23, 9 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	10.00 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	2.30 p.m.
Porthos	2.30 p.m.
Van Heutz	4.30 p.m.
Tsinan	8.30 p.m.
Kong Ning	4 p.m.

*Subscribed correspondence only.

SPORT NOTICES.

BOXING.

CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23, 1931,
at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT

Welter-Weight Championship of the Colony
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Ex-Welter and Middle-Weight Champion of the Colony
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Sunday, 27th December, 1931.
First Race at 1.30 p.m.
Admission:—
To Members Enclosure \$1.00.
To Public Enclosure 40 cents.

MEMBERS MUST SHOW their badges to gain admittance. Members can obtain 2 ladies' badges free on application to the Secretary.
Tickets can be procured at the Race Course at \$1.50.
Please refer to advertisement re Race Steamers.

TAKE STOCK OF YOURSELF.

Are you happy? Are you obtaining the things you want from life? Do you think that life is worth living? Perhaps you may find it difficult to answer these questions. You don't quite know whether you are happy or not. You don't really know what you do want from life. And sometimes life seems fine and at other times sheer drudgery.

If you will take careful stock of yourself you will find that the extent of your happiness varies with the degree of health you do or do not enjoy. When you are feeling fit and full of energy, life seems great. When you don't feel so well, then everything seems tinged with melancholy.

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EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/5 1/2
Bank, on demand	1/5 9/16
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/5 11/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/6 3/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/6 7/8
On Paris—	
On demand	625
Credits, 4 months' sight	695
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom.
On New York—	
On demand	24 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	26 3/4
On Bombay—	
Wire	96 3/4
On demand	96 3/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	96 3/4
On demand	96 3/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	62 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	49 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	77 1/4
Dollar	1 1/2 % dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	58 1/2 nom.
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/6 3/4
Silver (per oz.)	20 7/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nom.
Copper Cash	Nom.
Copper Cents	1 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Colln.	25 3/4 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Colln Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES.

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	86 1/4
New York	3.39 1/4
Montreal	4.20
Brussels	24 3/4
Geneva	17 3/4
Amsterdam	8 7/16
Milan	65 3/4
Berlin	14 5/16
Stockholm	18
Copenhagen	18 1/2
Oso	18 1/2
Vienna	28 Offered
Prague	114
Helsingfors	240
Madrid	40
Lisbon	103 1/2
Athens	260
Montevideo	31 1/2 nominal
Bucharest	57 1/2
Rio	4 1/4
Buenos Aires	41 1/4
Bombay	1/8 9/16
Shanghai	2 1/2
Hong Kong	1/5 1/2
Yokohama	2/5 1/2
Silver Spot	20 7/16
Silver Forward	20 9/16

—British Wireless Service.

CONFESSION IN HER SLEEP.

A husband summoned at Greenwich for desertion said that his wife, while talking in her sleep, mentioned the name of a man and said that she loved him.

He questioned her the next day and she said that it was true. The man afterwards confessed that he loved the wife and kissed her in the husband's presence.

The magistrate refused to make an order.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

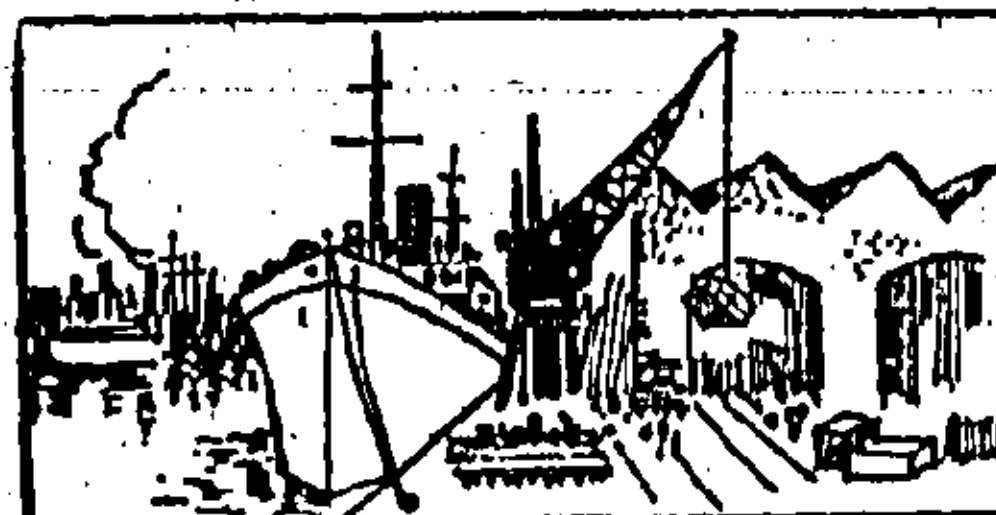
Opening Daily Official Quotations, Dec. 21, 1931.
Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, December 22.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin.	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1005					Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Aug. 10, 31
Chartered Bank	11	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Sep. — 31
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	174	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Sep. 8, 31
Bank of Asia	135	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Feb. 22, 31
Insurance.						
Canal Ins.	1450	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 May 10, 31
Union Ins.	4102 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 May 20, 31
China Underwriters	4.93	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 May 20, 31
China Fire Ins.	650	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 May 20, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	1460	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 May 20, 31
Shipping.						
Douglas	31 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Sept. 30, 31
H. K. Steamship	34	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Dec. 30, 31
Indo-China (Pref.)	35	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 June 19, 31
(Del.)	36	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 June 19, 31
Shells Bearer	39 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 July 6, 31
Union Waterboats	37	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Mar. 31, 31
Mining.						
Reagents	101	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Sept. 30, 31
Kaitum Mining Ad.	28 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Dec. 30, 31
Langkat (Single)	4.35	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 May 5, 31
Shui Exploration	2.70	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Feb. 6, 31
Loans	31	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Dec. 15, 31
Rauba	40 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Dec. 15, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Dec. 15, 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Wharves	15 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Mar. 15, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	20	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Mar. 15, 31
South Ch. Docks (A)	10	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Mar. 15, 31
(B)	12	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Mar. 15, 31
China Provident (old)	2.18	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 April 5, 31
(new)	2.35	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Oct. 2, 31
Hongkong	225	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Mar. 4, 31
N. Engineering	6 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 July 22, 31
Shanghai Docks	95	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 July 22, 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hs. (old)	15	15.10	16			Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Apr. 10, 31
(new)	14 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Aug. 12, 31
H. K. Lands	80	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 July 20, 31
Shanghai Lands	32 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Feb. 24, 31
Humphreys (old)	13	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Sept. 1, 31
(new)	17 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 July 28, 31
H. K. Realities	11 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 July 28, 31
Chinese Estates	95	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 July 28, 31
Cotton Mills.						
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Zoong Sigs	12	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Oct. 8, 31
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	21.20	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Aug. 25, 31
Peak Tram (old)	15 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 June 15, 31
(new)	17 1/2	100				Interim 2 1/2 at 1/4-1/2-3/4 Feb. 13, 31
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Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Saturday, December 19.
Akibasan Maru, Japanese str., 2,908 tons, Capt. Itani, from Hongkong, Kowloon Bay.—M.B.K.
Apocoy, British str., 1,776 tons, Capt. C. Boyce, from Hongkong, buoy No. B26.—Wo Fat Sing.
Dakar Maru, Japanese str., 4,384 tons, Capt. S. Hamaguchi, from Dairen, buoy No. A7.—N.Y.K.
Helios, Norwegian str., 1,113 tons, Captain Olsen, from Bangkok, Green Island.—Thoresen & Co.
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierison, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On & Co.
Karmala, British str., 5,680 tons, Captain A. C. McBryde, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.
Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Swatow, buoy No. B7.—N.Y.K.
Murotan Maru, Japanese str., 3,251 tons, Captain R. Agawa, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. D. Thomas, from Pakhoi, buoy No. B6.—Yik Tai & Co.
Peiping, Swedish str., 3,834 tons, Captain W. E. Borgersund, from Manila, Holt's Wharf.—Gilman & Co.
Phasianilla, British str., 393 tons, Capt. H. C. Farrington, from Canton, Takotsui Anchorage.—A.P.C.
Plensantville, Norwegian str., 2,749 tons, Capt. H. Ludvig, from Manila, buoy No. A2.—Thoresen & Co.
Saint Dunstan, British str., 3,566 tons, Capt. G. Hallam, from Calcutta, buoy No. A13.—Marshall & Sons.
Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Captain J. S. Anderson, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Tai Poo Shek, French str., 1,319 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
Tonkin, French str., 908 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from Fort Bayard, buoy No. B3.—M. M. & Co.
Venezia-L., Italian str., 4,877 tons, Capt. E. Fellini, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—Dodwell & Co.
Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. J. R. Nisbet, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Sunday, December 20.
Benledi, British str., 3,755 tons, Captain J. H. Patterson, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Chakaang, British str., 1,470 tons, Captain J. A. McAnish, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.
Chenan, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. R. Turnbull, from Dairen, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Chiehbu Maru, Japanese str., 10,287 tons, Capt. Arakida, from Shanghai, buoy No. A8.—N.Y.K.
Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. K. Dahl, from Lingson, buoy No. C1.—Chang Tong Ha.
Menado Maru, Japanese str., 1,285 tons, Capt. T. Kawamata, from Holhow, buoy No. B23.—O.S.K.
Ninghai, British str., 1,462 tons, Capt. W. J. King, from Amoy, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Protea, Norwegian str., 1,025 tons, Capt. S. Larsen, from Swatow, Yaumati Anchorage.—K. Larsen & Co.
Tjisadane, Dutch str., 5,780 tons, Capt. Blankert, from Amoy, buoy No. A5.—J.C.J.L.
Teinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Amoy, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.
Wilfred, Norwegian str., 3,044 tons, Capt. H. Tott, from Canton, buoy No. B25.—Dodwell & Co.
Halyang, British str., 1,868 tons, Captain Erwin, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—South wall.
Cornwall—No. 6 buoy.
Cumberland—No. 8 buoy.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Kent—North arm.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.
Olympus—East wall.
Orpheus—in dock.
Oswald—in dock.
Perseus—East wall.
Phoenix—in dock.
Seamew—East wall.
Scrapis—North wall.
Sirdar—North wall.
Sterling—North wall.
Suffolk—West wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Foreign Man-of-War.
Argus—French Gunboat.
Gli Eanes—Portuguese transport.
Mindanao—American Gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Kobe on December 20 (Sun.) at 11.30 a.m., left Kobe on December 20 (Sun.) at 5 p.m., and is due at Shanghai on December 22 (Tues.) at 11 a.m. She leaves Shanghai for Hong Kong on December 23 (Wed.) at 7 a.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai on December 21 (Mon.) at 9 a.m., left Shanghai on December 21 (Mon.) at 6 p.m., and is due at Nagasaki on December 23 (Wed.) at 5 a.m. She leaves Nagasaki for Kobe on December 23 (Wed.) at 5 p.m.
The P. & O. s.s. Somali left Shanghai for this port on December 21 at 9 a.m., and is due here on December 23 at about 4 p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Vancouver on December 21 (Mon.) at 7 a.m., leaves Vancouver on January 2 (Sat.), and is due at Hong Kong on January 22 (Fri.). She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on January 22 (Fri.), p.m.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Benledi are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 28.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E. 10h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

December 22 to 28, 1931.											
Date	High Water	Low Water	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.
Tues. 22	01 37	4 11	01 58	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 6	6 7	7 8	8 9	9 10
Wed. 23	02 08	3 40	02 40	3 1	4 2	5 3	6 4	7 5	8 6	9 7	10 8
Thurs. 24	02 40	4 12	03 12	3 13	4 14	5 15	6 16	7 17	8 18	9 19	10 20
Fri. 25	03 12	4 44	03 44	4 15	5 16	6 17	7 18	8 19	9 20	10 21	11 22
Sat. 26	03 44	5 16	04 16	4 46	5 47	6 48	7 49	8 50	9 51	10 52	11 53
Sun. 27	04 16	5 48	04 48	5 18	6 19	7 20	8 21	9 22	10 23	11 24	12 25
Mon. 28	04 48	6 20	05 20	5 50	6 51	7 52	8 53	9 54	10 55	11 56	12 57

CLEARANCES.

Saturday, December 19.
Anastasia, for Balkypapan.
Corfu, for Singapore.
Dorry, for Holhow.
Foonshing, for Shanghai.
Graciosa, for Bangkok.
Helios, for Swatow.
Hiroshi Maru No. 3, for Keelung.
Ixlon, for Kobe.

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ARRIVALS.

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Hong Kong, 21st December, 1931.

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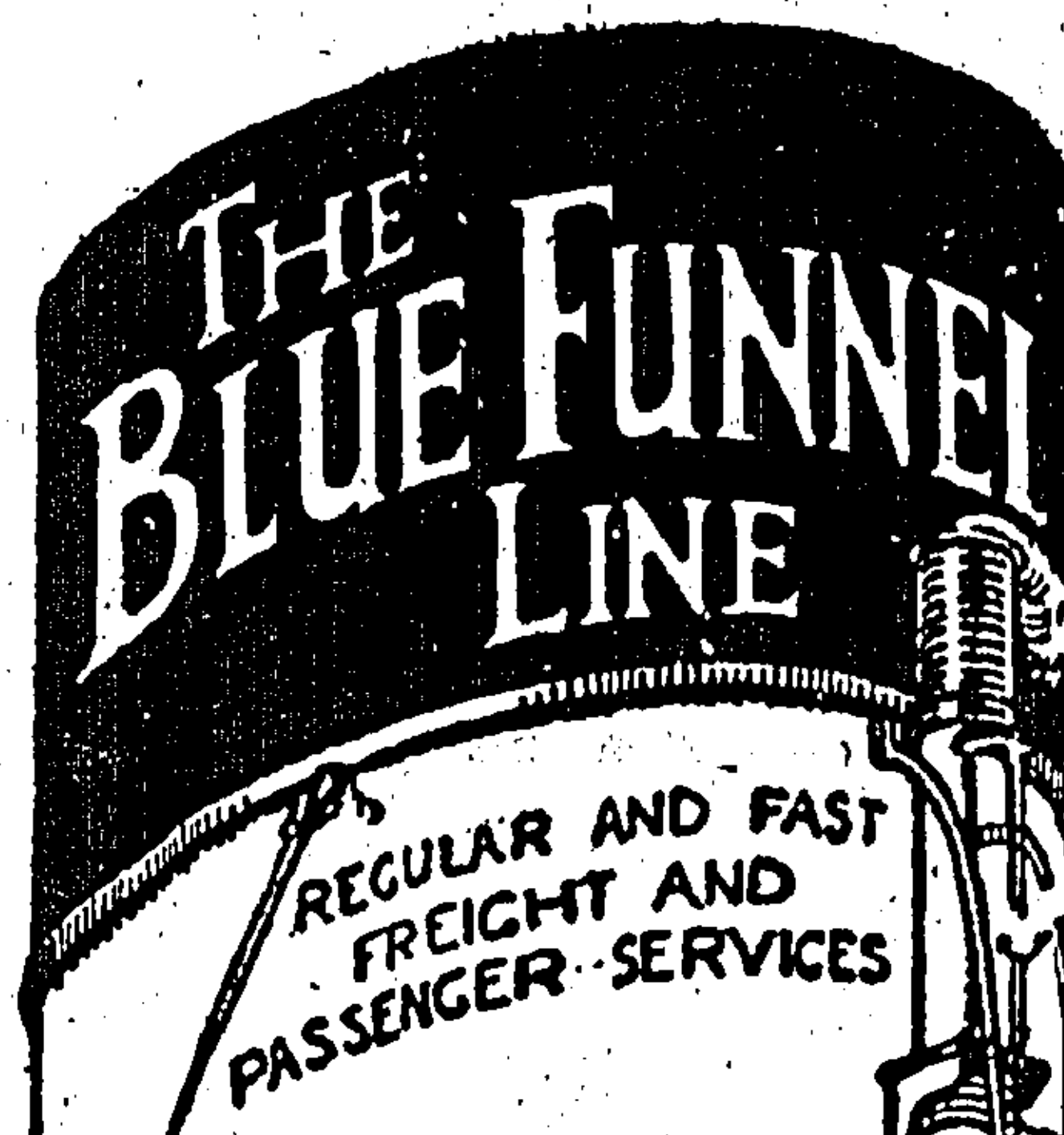
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1932	1932	1932	1932	1932	1932	1932	1932
Emp. of Japan	Jan. 2	Jan. 5	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 11	Jan. 13	Jan. 15
Emp. of Asia	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 10	Feb. 12	Feb. 14	Feb. 16	Feb. 18
Emp. of Canada	Mar. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 9	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 17
Emp. of Russia	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Mar. 28
Emp. of Japan	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Mar. 30	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 4	Apr. 6
Emp. of Asia	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Apr. 22
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 27	Apr. 29	Apr. 31	May 3	May 5
Emp. of Russia	May 7	May 10	May 12	May 14	May 16	May 18	May 20
Emp. of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 28	May 30	Jun. 1	Jun. 3	Jun. 5
Emp. of Asia	Jun. 7	Jun. 10	Jun. 12	Jun. 14	Jun. 16	Jun. 18	Jun. 20
Emp. of Canada	Jun. 23	Jun. 26	Jun. 28	Jun. 30	Jul. 2	Jul. 4	Jul. 6
Emp. of Russia	Jul. 7	Jul. 10	Jul. 12	Jul. 14	Jul. 16	Jul. 18	Jul. 20

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CHITRAL	15,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,000	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, R'dam & A'werp.
NALDERA	16,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,500	2nd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	16,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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ment of the entire country, writes
Commander J. E. Capstickdale in
the Nautical Magazine. If natural
harbours do not exist then arti-
ficial ones have to be constructed,
and this is the condition which, it
may be said, is the prevailing one
in these days of ships of great ton-
nage. In no branch of achieve-
ment has greater progress been
made than in the science
and practice of the harbour
engineer during the past gen-
eration, and very many coun-
tries to-day owe that working
scientist a debt of gratitude. In
the construction of a harbour nat-
ural features are, of course,
utilised to best advantage. En-
largement of existing river
mouths and basins is, per-
haps, the simplest form of
construction, though the questions
may be difficult of solution and the
scale of operations of considerable
magnitude. Harbours of this na-
ture include breakwaters in the
scheme of construction always.

Durban Harbour.

Durban is one of best examples
of this style of artificial harbour,
while East London is an-
other interesting and entire-
ly successful case in point.
Fremantle, West Australia, pos-
sesses a most valuable deep-
water harbour constructed on these
lines, and there were very difficult
problems to solve here. The
minut engineers who made
Durban harbour charged the West
Australia Government a very large
sum of money to inform them that
no harbour was possible at the
place selected, but an unknown New
Zealand railway engineer (civil),
named O'Connor, proved that, for
once, expert opinion was not in-
fallible, and the harbour was made
in the face of natural obstacles.

Making River Ports.

River ports are made, or expand-
ed, by dredging; this is noticeable in
many Central and South American

among these being two rivers of
sand of considerable depth.
Townsville harbour, on the
North Queensland coast, was
made out of a creek that
had only 3 feet of water at low
tide, and the creek debouched upon
a very shallow shore, and now the
largest refrigerated ships of the
world may fill their holds to capa-
city there with Queensland mutton
for the British market. Harbours
of this nature usually require train-
ing walls, in addition to breakwaters,
to ensure sufficient "scour" in the
channels; wave-traps, on an angle
to the incoming tide and sea, to
procure smooth water inside, and
often siltage-traps in the upper
reaches to catch the detritus in
floatation in flood waters.

Dredging is a necessary feature
of maintenance in all such harbours,
as it is in their construction. At
the making of Durban harbour the
bar was, broadly speaking, left un-
touched until nearly the end of the
work. A much greater depth than
was needed for ships was dredged
to inside, and the bar allowed to
fritter itself away and fill up the
space which nice calculations had
provided for it, and this is the prin-
ciple that has been practised even
since when practicable. In the
absence of a river mouth to work
on, a curving breakwater is built
out from the shore to enclose a shel-
tered space, with the convexity of
the curve exposed to the direction
of the worst prevailing weather, of
course. Piers (as at Port Eliza-
beth) or docks (as at Capetown)
are usually built in the "lee"
obtained in this manner, and
sometimes a wharf may be
constructed along the inner
face of the breakwater. Cases
in point, in addition to the two al-
ready mentioned, are Burnie,
Tasmania; Portland, Victoria;
Timaru, New Zealand; Burnbury
and Geraldton, West Australia;
Holyhead and Dover; Batavia and
Colombo, all of which accommodate
very large vessels. Colombo har-
bour is really a semi-circular com-
pound, and it holds 100 ships; there
are two openings in the encircling
wall for use as entrance and exit,
each built with an overlap to act as
wavetrap. The building of break-
waters frequently causes land-
making, and that where it is usually
particularly valuable. Timaru won
nearly 2 square miles of land, right
at the harbour, which practically
paid for the whole harbour scheme,
and there have been other instances
of a similar nature.

A large port has been made
at Belawan-Deli, Sumatra, by dred-
ging a 40 ft. deep channel through
a 7-mile sandbank, which was
formerly exposed at low tides, and
now the largest Eastern liners load
full cargoes of rubber and tobacco—
the produce of the enormously rich
and productive hinterland—at what
was a few years ago a small coaster
port.

The greatest river port in the
world is Liverpool, with a 3-mile
sand bar fronting the Mersey
mouth. Great dredgers of 10,000
tons capacity remove millions of
tons from this bar each year and
take it out to sea, to be washed back
by the next N.W. gale; yet the port
maintains an entrance depth of 46
ft., sufficient for the greatest ships
afloat, and the port charges bear
favourable comparison with many
more advantageously conditioned
modern harbours. An interesting
and instructive example of harbour
development is furnished by Mel-
bourne Heads; the mile-wide en-
trance is blocked by a shelf of solid
rock extending from shore to
shore, on which a quarter
of a century ago there was 27 ft. of
water, which was insufficient. It
was proposed to dig a shaft on dry
land and tunnel, at a depth of 75
feet, out to mid-channel, and then
tunnel at right angles, in line of
the proposed channel until almost
deep water was reached, leaving 20
ft. strata of rock overhead to be
shattered by explosives and fall to
the bottom of the longitudinal cut.
This would have meant a final depth
in the channel through the rocky
shelf of 50 ft. or so. The scheme
was rejected on account of its high
cost, estimated at from 4 to 6½ mil-
lion pounds sterling and a surface
scheme of blasting, with several
vessels to be employed on the work,
was adopted. A depth of some 40
ft. has now been attained, but it
will take nearly another century, as
against the tunnel scheme's ten
years, to complete the desired 50
ft., and the cost will work out at
something approaching 40 millions,
for the difficulties increase as the
work progresses. With all the
great strides and accomplishments
of recent year harbour engineering
and construction is still in its in-
fancy; the demand is for more and
yet more, ports, and each of these
will present its own new and
peculiar questions for solution.
The work of the designer and con-
structor is a peculiarly fascinating
one; sometimes, as in the case of
Durban, an extremely lucrative one
also. Mistakes are sometimes made,
but not often, for they are too ex-
pensive, and the reputation of the
firm, or individual, is made or mar-
red by results, with which, of
course, there can be no quarrel.
A great port has just been made
out of nothing and nowhere in
particular in Nigeria, and it is said
that the success attained has
brought about the contemplation of
other great ports on similar lines,
and these in parts of the world
where until recently no port was
thought possible. Nature, it would
appear, exists only to have its ends
defeated in the constant conflict be-
tween its colossal forces and the
might of puny man, for the latter,
in the end, always wins.



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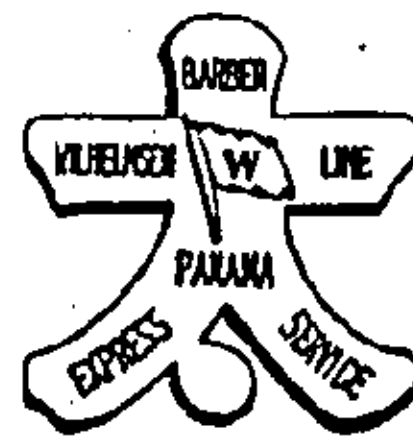
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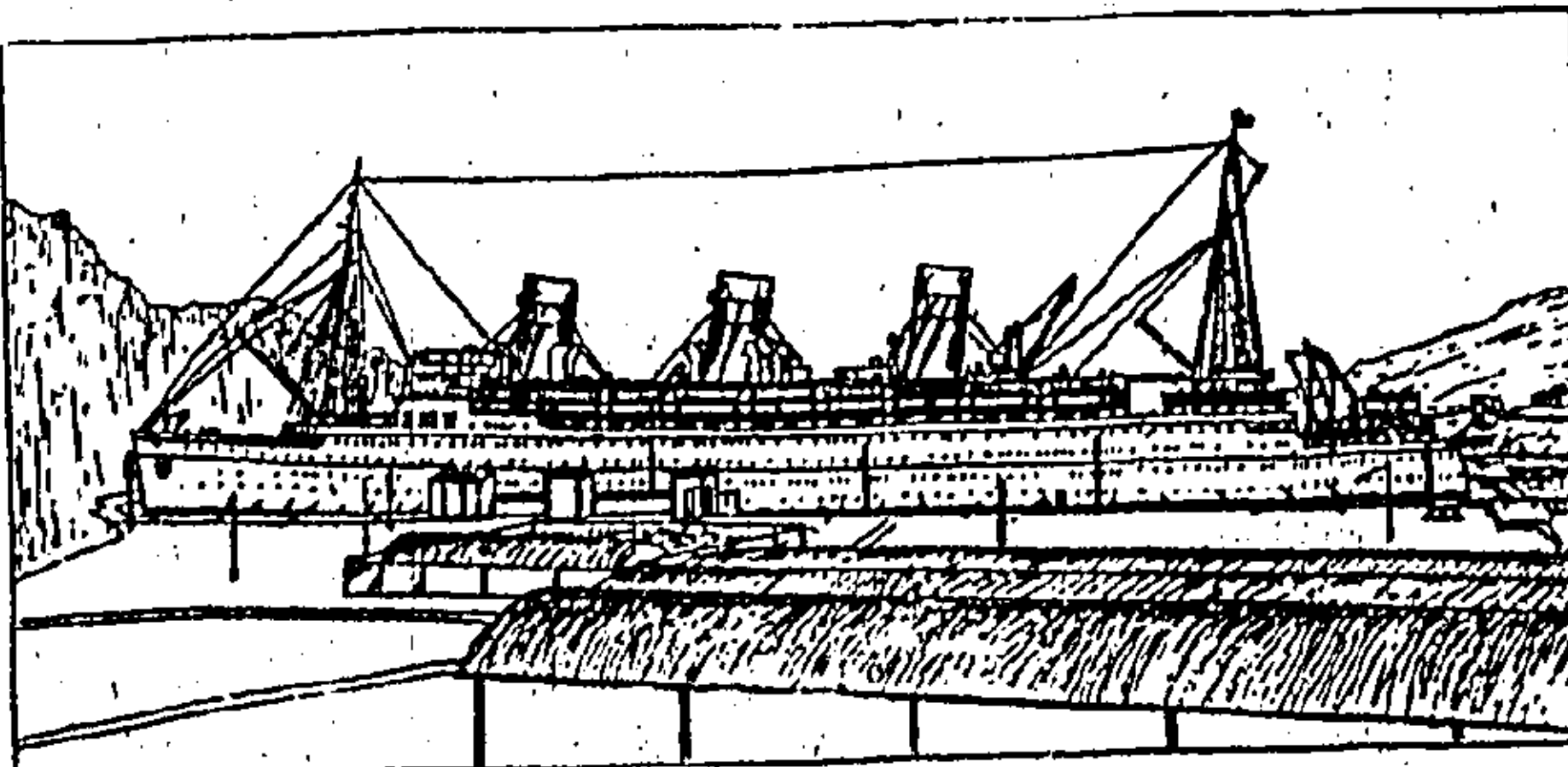
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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the Hong
Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W.
on a wavelength of 355 metres:
5-8 p.m.—European Programme
of Columbia Records.
5-5.36 p.m.—Orchestral.
Homage March (Wagner);
Sir Dan Godfrey and
Symphony Orchestra
(7155-M).
Waldteufel Memories—Fantasia
(Herman Finck);
Herman Finck and His
Orchestra (9836).
The Little Minister—Overture
(Mackenzie);
New Queen's Hall Light
Orchestra (7140-M).
Carnival Overture (Dvorak);
Sir Hamilton Harty and
Halle Orchestra
(67412-D).

5.36-6.04 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Duet—
The Little Old Church in the
Valley,
Wabash Moon,
Sweet and Low (MR359).
Organ Solo—
The Song is Done,
Lonesome Lover,
Reginald Foort (DB548).
Vocal Quartette—
Put Your Loving Arms Around
Me,
Sally,
The Four Voices (MR376).
Saxophone Solo—
Souvenir,
Llewellyn Waltz,
Rudy Wiedoeft (4076).
6.04-6.22 p.m.—Pianoforte Solos.
Valse in A Flat (Chopin).
Percy Grainger (7000-M).
Jutish Medley (Grainger).
Percy Grainger (60129-D).
6.22-6.58 p.m.—Operatic.
Orchestral—
Mignon—Selection (Thomas),
New Queen's Hall Light
Orchestra (9308).
Orchestral—
Faust—Ballad Music (Gounod),
Sir Henry J. Wood con-
ducting the New Queen's
Hall Orchestra
(L1794-5).

Instrumental—
Romeo et Juliette—Queen Mab
Scherozo (Berlioz);
Sir Hamilton Harty and
Halle Orchestra
(67422-D).
7.58-8 p.m.—Concert Items.
Violoncello Solo—
Villanelle
(Pianelli arr. Salmon),
Serenade Espagnole
(Glazounov),
Felix Salmond (7117M).
Song—
The Kerry Dance (Molloy),
The Songs My Mother Sang
(arr. Grimshaw),
Doris Vane (Soprano)
(DX157).

Piano Solo—
Impromptu No. 4 in F Minor
(Schubert),
Impromptu No. 2 in A Flat
(Schubert),
Ethel Leginska (9478).
Violin Solo—
Algerian Scene (Ketelbey),
The Phantom Melody
(Ketelbey),
Albert Sandler (9863).

Song—
Carmen—Flower Song (Bizet),
O Vision Entrancing from "Es-
meralda" (Marzials &
Thomas),
Arthur Jordan (Tenor)
(9204).

Cello Solo—
Tarantelle (Popper),
Adagietto (Bizet arr. Squire),
W. H. Squire (L2371).
8 p.m.—Local Time.
8.03-11.30 p.m.—Relay from Ko
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11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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Further details are to hand re-
garding the new Empire broadcast-
ing scheme. An official of the
Broadcasting Corporation stated
on November 6 that it was esti-
mated that the capital expenditure
on the new station would be
£40,000, and the yearly expendi-
ture would be £42,500, consisting
of engineering maintenance, £7,000;
programme expenses, £34,000;
news, £1,500.

The programme costs were es-
timated on the principle that the
Empire service would pay for
special items, plus a proportional
share of the ordinary programme
expenses. Special arrangements
would be made for an Australian
programme before the normal
English hours, and a Canadian pro-
gramme after midnight.

The officials of the British
Broadcasting Corporation, in reply
to an inquiry as to how far they
had succeeded in overcoming "fad-
ing" and atmospheric, said they
would utilise probably five short-
wave lengths at different periods
of the day in the hope of reach-
ing Australia and New Zealand in
reliable strength.

In this connection it may be
mentioned that experiments in low
waves have not solved "fading" by
the Australian beam, which at
present is inoperative for long
stretches at night. The corpora-
tion will not be ready to make a
service test transmission to Aus-
tralia for at least a year.

The Daily Telegraph, in an edi-
torial on November 6, says: "Tired
of procrastination, the British
Broadcasting Corporation has re-
solved to make a start and pay the
costs from its own resources with-
out a subsidy. It is a bold states-
manlike step. The cost seems to
be a modest price for conferring
an inestimable boon on Britons
overseas and lonely settlers.

Remote exiles will get news
direct, without its taking on an-
other colour from translation or
transmission through a non-British
source. Such a service will serve
automatically as trade propaganda,
but that is subsidiary to the main
object of providing trustworthy
British news and good British en-
tertainment for every Briton in
whatever corner of the Empire he
may be.

The Times welcomes the an-
nouncement, and expresses the
opinion that there is no question
of the advantage that the whole
Empire will gain from the linking
up of all parts of the Dominions,
and keeping the loneliest exile in
touch with affairs at home.

Big Possibilities.
The Morning Post strongly ap-
proves of the plan as "a big idea
with even bigger possibilities.
Davenry will keep people over-
seas in touch with the parent
stock, and promote a reunion of
the family circle." It insists on
the need for maintaining a high
standard, as it is essential that the
Dominions and Colonies must hear
the best that the Mother Country
can produce.

If we desire to preserve the
Empire," the article continues,
"we must not be content with an-
tiquated methods. Broadcasting
has a national and imperial mis-
sion."

The Daily Express says: "The
new station will provide a non-
stop 24-hour programme. Wire-
less is a new Empire trade am-
bassador, and is a light that will
never fail. The British Broad-
casting Corporation's headquarters
will shed a glow throughout the
earth. It is hoped that the station
will be completed by the end of
1932 in time to send Christmas
greetings to our kith and kin."

Apart from Russia, it has been
calculated that over one hundred
million people in the world are
more or less regular listeners.

In Europe, Denmark heads the list
of listeners, the proportion with
sets of their own to the thousand
population, last year, being 119.5
in Sweden, second in Europe with
78.99, and Great Britain third with
77.5 per thousand set-owners. The
great increase during the last two
years of communal listening and
the use of wireless exchanges give
radio an important political signi-
ficance as a means of disseminat-
ing propaganda.

A new transmitter is being pre-
pared to replace that already in
use in Vienna. It is expected to
work on 75 to 120 kilowatts.

AN IMMORTAL LULLABY.

Here is an interesting story
about a song which James Melton
sang in the "Voice of Firestone"
programme in New York on Nov-
ember 23. The song is Berceuse,
or Lullaby, from the Opera Joco-
lyn.

Benjamin Godard was the com-
poser of Jocelyn. As a French
student of music he strove very
hard to win the Prix de Rome, but
failed twice. It was his ambition
to write great operas. In 1884 he
brought out a grand opera, which
was not successful, and followed
it with two other operas, includ-
ing Jocelyn, produced in Brussels
in 1888.

Musical historians agree that
Jocelyn would have been forgotten
had it not been for Berceuse, which
was not even sung in the opera,
but was instrumental score for
violin, cello and harp. Godard's
name is perpetuated by short
works, songs, and graceful and
melodious salon pieces for the
piano, but chiefly by this simple
melody which originally seemed so
unimportant.

A new powerful short-wave
transmitting station will shortly be
put into service. It is being con-
structed at Brussels with the ob-
ject of ensuring communication
between Belgium, the Belgian
Congo and South America. This
station will work during the day
on 15.62 metres with a power of
9 kilowatts, and at night on 29.04
metres with a power of 12 kilo-
watts.

In Denmark, where the percent-
age of listeners is the highest of
any European country, a decrease
of 7,000 has been recorded in com-
parison with last year's figures
namely, 440,000 in place of
447,000.

The Post Office Wireless Detec-
tive Vans have certainly "put the
wind up" the radio pirates in Lon-
don. It is stated that within one
week over 70,000 extra wireless
licences were taken out by people
in London alone who would other-
wise have continued to use sets
unlicensed. The Post Office has
had some excellent publicity over
this wireless van business, and
consequently the Exchequer, the
B.B.C. and everybody is going to
benefit financially.

In the United States of Ameri-
ca 350 television patents have al-
ready been taken out.

THE RIGHT TO
DIE.Farewell of 81-Year-Old
Man.

"WEARY OF THIS WORLD."

An 81-year-old Londoner, who
ended his life by taking veronal
near Devil's Dyke, Brighton, left
a note asserting that a man had
the right to take his own life.

He was Mr. William Robins, of
Avenue Road, N.W., and at the
inquest a verdict of Suicide while
of Unsound Mind was return-
ed.

Mr. Robins was formerly a
company director, but retired
from business many years ago.
He was found unconscious on the
Downs near the foot of Devil's
Dyke and died in hospital.

He left several letters. One
was sealed and addressed to the
coroner "for use in case of an
inquest." It ran:

I protest against any sug-
gestion of temporary insanity:
that raises a question of reli-
gious opinion, on which no pri-
est, from the highest priest-
hood downwards, is qualified
to say what another should
believe.

For a great many years I
have been convinced of one's
right to dispose of his life as
his conscience approves. No
other theory is reconcilable
with credit to him who gives
his life for a friend or for a
cause.

I shall not have acted on im-
pulse but after long and care-
ful consideration and prepara-
tion, extending over many
weeks.

I am weary of this world: I
know of no duty unperformed.
I want to avoid the problems
which would beset the few
years possibly left to me.

A Brighton taxicab driver,
Reginald Johnson, said that he
drove Mr. Robins to many places
in Brighton, including a cafe
and then to Saddlecombe at the
foot of the Dyke hills.

Beauty of the Downs.
There Mr. Robins got out and
passed a remark about the beauty
of the Downs. He said that he
would not need the cab any longer,
as some friends had arranged
to pick him up.

That was his death drive, for
on the following day Mr. Robins
was found by a Brighton chauff-
eur, Sidney Madden. He was
unconscious, and by his side
were bottles containing veronal

CAR SOMERSAULTS IN
A JUNGLE.London Surgeon Has A
Narrow Escape.

HUNT THRILL.

Dr. G. G. Exner, a London sur-
geon, with his brother and a
friend, had a lucky escape while
buffalo-hunting in Northern
Zululand.

They were travelling in a car
when they were suddenly con-
fronted by several buffaloes.
Swerving to avoid the animals,
the car, which was driven by Dr.
Exner's brother, skidded and
turned a somersault, coming to
rest again on its wheels.

The car was badly damaged,
but none of the passengers was
seriously hurt, although Dr.
Exner injured a leg. By the
time they had extricated them-
selves from the car the buffaloes
had disappeared.

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Reverent Congregation Watch
"Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Great crowds filled the aisles and
porch of a Sydney Congregational
church when the screen version of
"Uncle Tom's Cabin" was shown.
The church lights were lowered,
and an orchestra collaborated with
the organist, while a vocalist sang
incidental numbers.

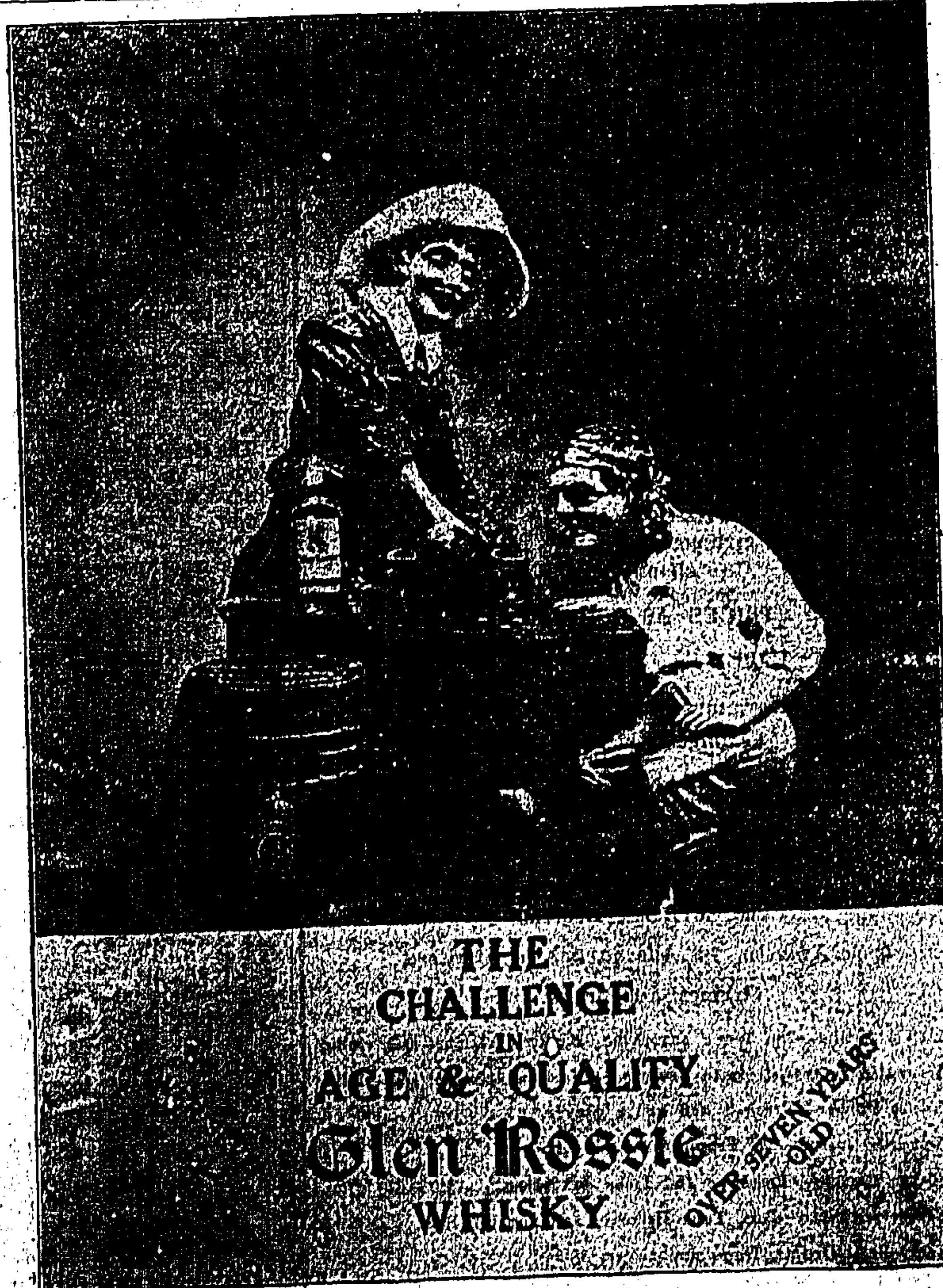
The deep emotional tone and re-
ligious fervour of the picture made
a strong impression on the congre-
gation.

The Rev. T. B. Roseby had made
a special appeal for the screening
to be treated "as partaking of the
sacredness of a service," and the
atmosphere throughout was one of
reverence.

tablets and two letters. One
was addressed "To my wife."
The Election Results.

Mr. Matthew Robins, of Has-
socks, Sussex, a nephew of Mr.
Robins, said that he received a
telegram from his uncle asking
him to call at a bank in Brighton
for a letter of direction. The
telegram ended: "Shall be on
the move to-day."

He was handed a letter at the
bank in which his uncle had
written: "The taxi-man (his
card enclosed) can tell you my
whereabouts. Forgive me for
giving you trouble and an un-
pleasant job. . . . Sorry not to
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Note:—Music programme completely changes with the change of picture.

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Mr. Isabelo Sevilla—2nd Tenor saxophone, Baritone, clarinet and violin.

Mr. Wenceslao Tobias—3rd alto saxophone, Baritone, clarinet and violin.

Mr. Santos Mendez—Trumpet and guitar player.

Mr. Bernardo Guerra—2nd Trumpet and singer.

Mr. Moises Expitá—Trombone and Tenor saxophone.

Mr. Gregorio Alberto—Bass, Tuba Helicon, and Counter Bass.

Mr. Larry Rull—Drums, Traps and singer.

NEWS TABLOIDS AND OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Australian Bonds.

News of the defeat of the Scullin Administration sent up by one to two points prices of Government bonds.

Miss England III.

Lord Wakefield's new boat, to be built by Thornycroft, will be ready by the end of April. Kaye Don will then try her out on Lake Garda, and later attempt to improve on the record he has already established.

Burma.

The Round Table Conference will terminate in the first fortnight of January.

B. I. F.

Many interesting facts concerning this Fair, to be opened in February, are contained in a Wireless message on page 1. Special travel facilities and concessions are being arranged.

Junk Piracy.

A junk, on the way from Shaikwan to San Mei, was intercepted yesterday by pirates, taken to Tai Shu Wan, and looted of cargo to a total value of over \$350.

Chiang Kai-shek's Resignation.

The full text of the Marshal's petition of resignation appears on page 1.

Disarmament Conference.

Congress has been asked to vote \$450,000 towards the expenses of the American Delegation.

Extraordinary Ordination.

A 70-year-old retired Post Office engineer, Mr. A. J. Stubbs, has become a Deacon licensed to carry out the curacy of All Saint's Church, Chatham.

Manchurian Enquiry Commission.

A Geneva telegram gives the personnel of the Commission, with Lord Lytton as President; but Reuter understands it is only a forecast and must be regarded as premature and accepted with reserve.

Chesterfield House.

The Mayfair residence of Princess Mary and Earl Harewood is to be sold by auction. Pressure of taxation is the cause.

Mr. Winston Churchill.

Was expected to leave hospital yesterday. A later message says he has left hospital and is now at a hotel, where he will rest for several days. The driver of the motor-lorry, which struck Mr. Churchill, yesterday drank tea with Mrs. Churchill.

Bosch Berlin Works.

As a result of the temporary closing down of these works, 2,850 men have been thrown out of employment. The management expects, however, to re-open the works in a month's time.

"Southern Star" Crashes.

Kingsford Smith's plane has come to grief. The Air Commander was not in the plane at the time of the disaster. Those in it—pilot and two passengers—were uninjured. As the machine is badly damaged, the proposed flight back to Australia, upon which Kingsford Smith expected to start to-day, with the New Year Mails is off.

"Japan's Christmas War."

The News Chronicle reads Japan a homily in an editorial, and advises each to respect world opinion.

Christie's Sale of Crown Jewels.

Many famous bits of Bavarian Crown Jewels were sold yesterday for over £39,000.

French Ban Foreign Labour.

A Bill has been passed, whereby foreigners working in France must have special ministerial permits. Employers infringing the new law are liable to fines.

Franco-Russian Treaty.

The parties promise not to undertake propaganda with the object of forcibly overthrowing an established constitution.

Rubber Restriction.

Nothing definite, has yet been agreed upon, but, it is understood, the Dutch Government is considering the restriction problem.

Spartan-Like.

In order to prove his contention that the deaths of 76 Luebeck children were due to a mistake, Professor Deycke has inoculated himself with the anti-tuberculosis serum under suspect.

Kurd Revolution.

Has flared up in Iraq and fierce fighting has taken place.

Mr. Arthur Henderson.

Who has been recuperating at Carnes is making good progress and expects to be well enough to preside at the Disarmament Conference in February.

Moratorium for Germany.

It is believed that the Young Plan Advisory Committee will recommend a moratorium for Germany. While Britain is said to favour the idea, France is understood to be definitely opposed to it. The Advisory Committee's report is expected to be ready by tomorrow at the latest.

Empire Broadcast.

On and from January 4, the B.B.C. will transmit a daily service of three news bulletins, of 15 minutes each, at noon, 6 p.m., and midnight.

Britain's Speed Records.

Britain now holds five world speed records—seaplane, motor-car, motor-boat, motor-cycle, and outboard motor-boat. The last was secured over the week-end, when Mr. Charles Harrison, at Cowes, reached an average speed of 55.68 m.p.h. The previous record, held by Italy, was 54.16.

TOO LATE! TOO LATE!

A fortune that came too late was the tragedy revealed by the death of a poor 71-year-old Irish woman, Miss Minnie Gannon, who was found dead in a small room she had occupied for some time in the Paris suburb of Courbevoie. On the floor lay an unopened letter from her Paris lawyer asking her to call about an inheritance of some £8,000 of which she was the beneficiary.

Miss Gannon, who lived the life of a recluse, had not been seen for several days, and at last the concierge, alarmed, notified the police who broke open the door and found her lying dead, apparently from heart failure.

The dead woman had been employed at a well-known Paris dress-maker's establishment for nearly 30 years but had been mentioned off a few years ago. Little was known about her except that she was born in London and seemed to have no relations living and few if any friends. Great surprise has therefore been aroused by the story of her fortune but the law-

FROM MAYORESS TO MURDERESS.

Czech Woman's Downfall.

The following are the stages in the downfall of a Czech-Slovakian woman just sentenced for the murder of her husband:—Mayoress, deputy mayor, embezzler, thief, murderess.

Seventeen years ago, Franziska Hermanek was the 20-year-old wife of the mayor of a small Bohemian town. When her husband was called away to the war, she acted so ably as his deputy that her fellow-citizens afterwards elected her to the office in his place.

Success went to her head and then the trouble began. She took a lover, and begged her husband for a divorce. But he refused.

She falsified the town accounts, was detected, and deprived of her dignities.

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

TRY TO PRONOUNCE IT.

Meet Mr. Lileusszuieussseszszes Willihimnizzissteizil Hurriszisteizil and his brother, Mr. Jisselpil Normandiziezil, two residents of Pueblo (Colorado).

They are two gentlemen of Siam who have immigrated to the United States, and have won renown for feats of memory by remembering their own names (reports the British United Press).

Lileusszuieussseszszes is an accomplished linguist, being able to pronounce his own name and speak 11 languages. To his friends he is known as Leo Hurst.

She stole the life savings of her old maid-servant, who thereupon went mad and is now in an asylum.

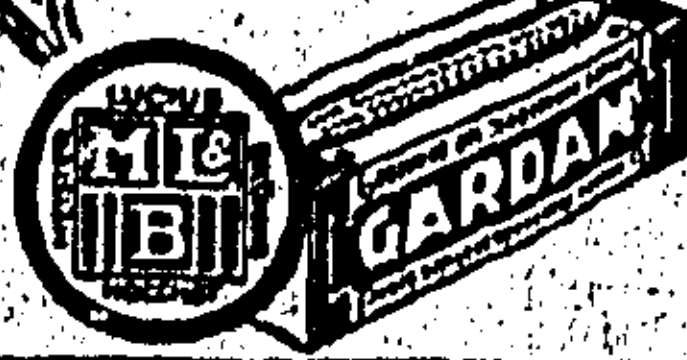
She perpetually quarrelled with her husband. In their last fatal quarrel, she drew a revolver and shot him dead, and now she has been sentenced to 10 years' hard labour in the courtroom where once she sat enthroned on the magisterial bench.



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